

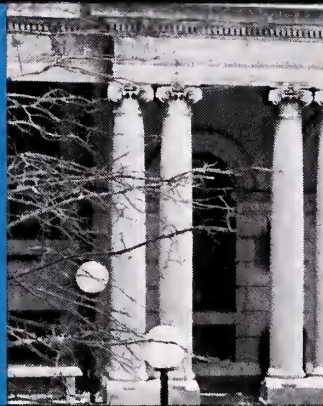
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A Cheer for Class Notes

To the Editor:

Thought you might like to know that networking among Barnard alumnae is alive and well.

I was recently assigned to write a piece about Russian and Soviet studies for the January 6 Education Supplement of *The New York Times*, and I knew I didn't know all that much about the field. (After all, I had majored in English.) Fortunately, I remembered my Barnard classmate Lynne Viola and her interest in the subject. I had recently read in our Class Notes that she was now Lynne Viola, Ph.D. in Russian and Soviet history.

Lynne was my best source for the story. I am greatly indebted to her and was very annoyed when her comments were cut from the piece.

I guess this just proves how helpful the Alumnae Magazine can be!

Katya Goncharoff '79  
Brooklyn, NY

## Better to be Educated than Trained

To the Editor:

We are recent alumnae, and we congratulate Barnard and President Futter on the recent article that appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*. We were glad to learn of the strong stand taken by Ms. Futter and the trustees towards preserving Barnard's status as a fine women's college.

We are concerned about one comment made by President Futter. She described herself as a young career woman, and then went on to say that that is what Barnard is all about. Perhaps that is a part of what Barnard does for its students, but it is not the sum of what Barnard represents.

Since the time when we were undergraduates, Barnard has presented a forum called "The Scholar and the Feminist" every year. It deals with the intellectual and economic concerns of women in a scholarly community. Not all of us who belonged to that community actually became scholars, feminist or not (in fact, many more of us did become doctors and lawyers and Indian chiefs), but we were given an unforgettable taste of that kind of life. We were, however briefly, part of an intellectual community, removed from the everyday concerns of getting and spending. That, to us and we hope to many other Barnard women, is what the Barnard experience is all about.

There is a difference between job training and education. Sometimes the difference is subtle; after all, legal training demands intellectual skill, as do other professions. But job training is focused on problem solving in the chosen field, while getting a "classical" education means participating in the intellectual ferment of your own time, and learning the history of the ideas that have shaped your time. That learning is the primary purpose of an undergraduate institution, and Barnard has always been a fine example of how well it can be done.

We value Barnard for the education it gave us, for the chance to think and learn and grow in an academic community, for theology and ancient history and linguistics and the Dutch masters and German literature and other subjects that will likely never be part of our lives again in the same concentrated, rigorous way.

We did not damage our career success by "unmarketable" majors or by waiting a few years after college to choose our work. But we both acquired lifetime addictions to Austen, Hals, and Dickens that don't fluctuate with the economy, and frankly provide more satisfaction, more sheer fun, than any triumphs in the workplace.

So, to all current Barnard students, we say, don't waste the years you will never have back. Don't let temporary hard times frighten you into a narrow career focus before it is appropriate or even necessary. There is time enough to be a career woman after college—take the time now to be scholars.

Marsha Kessler '78      Ellen Mayer '78  
Brooklyn, NY      Fairfield, CT

To the Editor:

I was very pleased to read in *The New York Times*' article on Barnard that Henrietta Swope was included among your most distinguished graduates. Miss Swope's work with Walter Baade and others on the variable stars in nearby galaxies has long been of the greatest importance in the understanding of the stellar populations in those galaxies. Her earlier work on variable stars, done while she was on the Harvard College Observatory staff, was also of substantial importance; and I have recently been obtaining data on the unique variable of changing period that Miss Swope discovered in the 1930's.

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Photos by Karen Jolkovski.

# WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

If you had been at Alumnae Council this year, you would have audited classes, toured the campus, compared notes with other alumnae recruiters or club or class officers, and learned a lot about the education of today's gifted young women. You would also have gained food for thought about the role that all of us, as educated women in America, can and should be playing in the political life of our society. With the aid of a panel of speakers with a wide range of experience at all levels of government and politics, alumnae councillors were reminded of many facts and conditions which they may have known or heard before, but probably had not previously considered "all of a piece."

## MEMBERS OF THE PANEL

Moderator **Ronnie Myers Eldridge '52** serves in the cabinet of New York's Governor Cuomo in her role as Director of the State Division for Women. Previously she was Manager of Community and Government Affairs for the Port Authority of NY and NJ and Director of Community and Government Affairs for WNET/Channel 13. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Barnard Women's Center.

**The Honorable Alice Glantz Daniel '56**, former Counsel to Governor Cuomo, is a Judge on the New York State Court of Claims. Alice has served as Assistant Attorney General of the U.S., General Counsel of Common Cause, General Counsel and Acting President of the Legal Services Corporation, and Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary to Governor Edmund Brown of California.

**Muriel Fox '48** has just retired from the position of Executive Vice President of Carl Byoir & Associates, one of America's oldest and largest public relations firms. She is a founder and past chairwoman of NOW and is currently chairman of the NOW Legal Defense and

Education Fund. She was also a founder and later president of the Women's Forum, an organization of 200 pre-eminent women in the Greater New York area that is generally credited with launching the practice of "networking" among women.

What is the role of women in American government today? What should it be? What needs to be done—by women, and by society in general—to close the gap between these two sets of circumstances? During the course of the luncheon program on the first full day of Council, these questions were approached from several different angles. The comments of the panelists and members of the audience appear on these pages in consolidated form, presenting readers with an interwoven summary of the discussion, such as each one might have taken away with her that day.

—TCC

**Mary Ann Tinklepaugh Knauss '52** is Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce of the U.S. with responsibility for intergovernmental affairs. She also chairs the Outreach Sub-Committee of the White House Inter-agency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise. A veteran campaign organizer, she has been northeast regional political director for the Republican National Committee and in 1980 headed the Connecticut Reagan-Bush Presidential Campaign Committee.

**Lois Ginsburg Pines '60**, entered elective politics at the local level and then served for six years in the Massachusetts legislature. She was known as a supporter of laws to protect the consumer and the environment, and was a sponsor of the Massachusetts ERA. She was appointed Director of the Boston regional office of the Federal Trade Commission and was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.







Speakers at the Alumnae Council luncheon on November 2 included (l. to r.) Alice Daniel '56, Muriel Fox '48, Mary Ann Knauss '52, Ronnie Eldridge '52, Council Committee Chair Ruth Feder '49, and Lois Pines '60.

## Where Are We Now?

Setting the stage, moderator Eldridge outlined the role of women in modern America, beginning with the most obvious accomplishments. In 1984, for the first time in our history, a woman ran for Vice President of the U.S. as the candidate of a major party. Two major cabinet departments are headed by women, a woman represents the U.S. at the UN, and a woman is sitting on the U.S. Supreme Court. Women are 52% of the population and 54% of the voters.

She noted also that there has been progress in recent years in respect to the opportunities for women in the professions. In 1981, women received one half of the master's degrees and one fourth of all the professional degrees awarded in the U.S. More than half of America's college students, almost one fourth of the graduating doctors, and almost thirty per cent of the graduating lawyers are women. In at least one notable instance, over half of the entering class at the University of Vermont medical school this year were women.

On the other hand, women's wages, on average, are less than two thirds those of men (although the familiar "59 cents" which has adorned so many political buttons does seem to be moving upward at last). In 1980, the median income for fully employed women was \$11,187; for men, the figure was \$18,910. Thirteen per cent of fully employed women earned less than \$7000; for men that percentage was 4.4. Higher up the scale, the proportion of fully employed women who earned over \$20,000 in 1980 was 9.6%, as contrasted with 46% of men. Women lawyers on average earn \$20,000 less than men. And a female college graduate, over her lifetime, can expect to earn less than a male high school dropout.

Women are not the only group that feels the impact of these differences. One out of every seven families in America is headed by a single woman, and that single parent's income is \$11,000. Of all the people in the U.S. living in poverty, 75% are women and their children, as are 69% of all food stamp recipients, 61% of all people on Medicaid, 68% of all residents of public housing.

Although some believe that the conditions for women will improve as the conditions for all people in America

improve, there are many who expect that it will take more than the forces of the marketplace to correct the imbalance. But if government action is needed, where are the people who will bring about that action? Out of 535 members of the U.S. Congress, only 4½% — 22 Representatives and two Senators — are women. (Away from Washington, these figures are somewhat better; thirteen per cent of state legislators are women, and there are 76 cities with populations of over 20,000 that have women mayors.)

## The Role of the Advocate

"Advocacy is a role that applies to everyone who wishes to bring about change, whether she works within government or on the outside. All of us must make our voices heard."

The original plan for this discussion program had included the subject of advocacy as a discrete element, to be treated by the one member of the panel who had always served "on the outside." As the discussion progressed, however, it became clear that all the panelists, and many members of the audience with various roles and points of view, saw themselves as advocates. As Ronnie Eldridge noted, "most of us who are in government, in one way or another, are there because we want to change the world, and as women we have a special perspective." That means both standing up to be counted and knowing how to count the votes.

The entire process of advocacy has become more organized and sophisticated than we might like — and



An important part of the program at Alumnae Council is the opportunity for Barnard's volunteers "in the field" to be brought up-to-date with campus developments and to see how the College is serving student needs. This year, a group of class officers tried their hands at the hardware in the new Academic Computer Center, under the guidance of Professor Rae Silver.

more expensive, but the importance of individual advocacy is as great as ever. It demands dedication, enthusiasm, and money. But there is a payoff: advocates who use their resources wisely can have influence far beyond their immediate numbers. It isn't always necessary to be present in Washington or your state capital, either. Groups that regularly send busloads of protesters to their legislators' doors may have less "clout" than a group of working women, for example, who are available less frequently but show up when the lines are being drawn. Similarly, Muriel Fox recalled, the first press release for the conference that founded NOW was noticed — the initial group was small, but they made themselves heard.

Some think that the computer age, especially skillful use of the word processor, has weakened the voice of the individual letter writer. This need not be so; if we

and not categorized on the basis of their sex. (How can one half of the human race be a "special interest," anyway?)

We must make it known that we are proud of our belief in equal opportunity, so that others who share this belief will know that they are not alone.

For women who are in office, it is sometimes tempting to forget any debt to the women's movement. Some might even regard feminism as a burden, and bend over backwards to demonstrate their impartiality. But until recently, the exceptional woman could rise only as far as the middle, and stay there, while the average woman stayed at the bottom. Alice Daniel believes that she would not have been counsel to Governor Cuomo, or Assistant Attorney General of the U.S., if not for the women's movement. "It wasn't a question of qualifications," she pointed out. "Not long ago, it would have been easy for the men who hired me to reach out for the first available white male. Because of the pressure of the women's movement, they were forced to one form of affirmative action, to go beyond the obvious, to look for the qualified woman. We must keep that pressure on."

"When I was in the Attorney General's office," she continued, "I was subjected to a great deal of lobbying from NOW. It was frequently a nuisance, but I was and remain grateful. I could not have resisted the tremendous pressures to accept the status quo if I had not had NOW and other outraged advocates pushing on me. And I believe that I was carrying out my duty to all citizens when I took steps to carry out the feminist agenda."

Members of the panel expressed concern that many young women today expect career paths to be open to them as a matter of course. With perhaps a moment of recognition that early feminists opened the door for them, they expect that all they need do is work and they will get to the top.

On this Muriel Fox commented wryly, "I have news for them: they're going to get all the way to the middle. They need feminists, and they need to be the feminists of the future. We've got to make them understand this — not only the facts of what was done before and that they ought to pay their dues. They also need to know that they are not going to succeed on their own, no matter how smart they are or how hard they work."

Lois Pines agreed, and even at that, she said, "they will still have to work twice as hard and be twice as good as the men with whom they are competing. That hasn't changed. We will achieve equality when an average woman can be appointed to the same position as an average man, and we're a long way from that."

A troubling aspect of this is that many young women haven't had the personal experience that would help them realize why the Equal Rights Amendment is important — and without them, Lois Pines believes, "it's not going to happen." For Muriel Fox, the issue is clear: "I was on a plateau for twenty years and everyone thought I was lucky to be there. I didn't get to the top until the Women's Movement changed society. We have to continue to change society, for ourselves, and certainly for our daughters."

believe in what we are doing, and know the arguments, we can state our case in a way that will have an impact.

Advocates must also realize the power of publicity. They soon learn that "good news is no news," and that the media like conflict, confrontation, and accusation. At the same time, we must not forget to offer praise when it is due.

And then there is the power of networking. Those of us who are members of one organization should leverage that participation into other organizations we touch. Members of the Women's Forum have done this with great success, and others can do it as well.

## About Feminism

As advocates, we must begin by acknowledging our feminism. Some candidates and public officials find it difficult to say, "I'm a feminist." We have to make it easier for them. We have to help them see that it does not mean catering to a "special interest." It simply means that one believes people should be judged as individuals





# About Political Campaigns and Finances

Looking back on several (usually successful) campaigns for public office, Lois Pines believes that "the financing of campaigns is the most difficult and troubling aspect of politics in America today." To Muriel Fox, "the system is corrupt on its face, and it's the reason we don't have better leaders." Having accepted a system in which candidates are "sold, just like soap," over radio and tv, we now live with a political process which is extremely expensive and at the same time gives us few opportunities to learn where candidates stand on substantive issues.

Regulation of PACs or of the size of political contributions, while it sounds attractive, isn't the answer to the problems of political financing. The heart of the problem is the cost of television time, and that time must be bought. (For 30 seconds on a local Boston tv station, Lois Pines recalled, the cost was \$7000.) As a result, people who want to represent us must raise money from individuals and groups who really are "special interests," who give to candidates because they want something in return. What they want primarily is access—having their phone calls returned, and having their positions articulated and espoused in the halls of government.

Part of the irony of the position of women in politics is that they are accused of being a "special interest" but fail to take the one step that "special interests" must take if their views are to be heard and represented: they do not contribute to political campaigns. A woman who is asked to give to another woman's campaign will give \$25 and think she's done a good thing, while a man in a comparable position will write a check for \$500 for "his" candidate, usually a man. And so women have the "bad rap" of being a "special interest" but don't produce the dollars that might give them an advantage in the political process. Since no one wins a significant election without dollars, this is fatal to women candidates.

Women also have to deal with the fact that many people, including other women, are not yet willing to extend "equal opportunity" into politics. The candidacy of Geraldine Ferraro was for many the first occasion when they had to consider whether they were willing to vote for a woman—any woman—at any level of government. They questioned her "toughness" but they also wondered whether women are "good enough" to provide leadership.

For women over 55, this is apparently not a problem—they are eager to see other women move ahead. There is reluctance on the part of younger women, however, and Lois Pines believes it is based on their discomfort with the limited roles they have accepted for themselves. Lacking the support such as Barnard provides for its students and alumnae, they are not sure of their own capabilities, and that colors their evaluation of others.

The areas where women have been strongest are those closest to them—the school districts and home towns where they have their homes and families. "We must expand our horizons," urged Mary Ann Knauss, and become more involved in more global issues.

## In the Courts

Only two per cent of the judges in this country are women. (Court officers tend to address all judges as "sir.") We need more women in the judiciary, not just to deal with outrageous cases of child and spousal abuse or sexual harassment, or other infringements on women's rights that many male judges have refused to take seriously.

Social issues are being decided every day in the courts as well as in the legislatures. It's part of the nature of our political system that many of the most difficult issues come to the courts first, so that judges and juries have to make decisions without anything to guide them but their own consciences. In some cases, whole new concepts of law are being created, in areas that cut right through the fabric of our society—in the ethics of neo-natal care, for example, as well as in the extension of heroic measures in geriatric care and in reproductive freedom. For the legislatures, these are "hot potatoes" and they have no desire to burn their fingers on them. Women don't have enough political power to force them to act, but women must be involved in these decisions. We can't wait for the two per cent of women in the judiciary to grow to 52%; we have to educate the men on the bench and in the bar now. This is another critical role for the advocates.

## The Feminist Agenda

For Alice Daniel, there are two essential aspects of the feminist agenda for the '80s. The first of these is economic equity. We have won the fight for equal pay for the same work, at least as a matter of principle—now it's a matter of enforcement. But equal pay for work of comparable worth is a critical issue.

The audience was reminded of the observation of Margaret Mead many years ago, that in every society she studied, the work done by men was valued more highly than the work done by women, no matter what the men did, including the dressing of dolls for religious ceremonies. And that continues to be true today. Recent studies have shown an absolute correlation in our society between the proportion of men in any occupational group and the salary level for that occupation. That is the basis of the "pink collar ghetto." We can see its impact in the differential between the salaries of, for example, nursery school teachers—mostly women, doing complex, demanding jobs which we claim to be important to the future of our society—and the people, mostly men, who string telephone wires.





There was much to learn and enjoy during Alumnae Council, where club officers and BARs audited classes, attended workshops, and heard reports on new programs and plans at the College. Among the California contingent on hand for the busy two-day program were (l. to r.) Toby Levy '72, president of the Barnard Club in San Francisco, and BARs Julia Surtshin '75—Los Angeles, Anne Shamonsey Aull '61—San Francisco, Barbara Bergman Goltz '66—San Diego, and Joan Bramnick Gruen '59, Susan Romer Kaplan '64, and Gladys Lerner Sessler '50—Berkeley.

Class officers and Barnard Area Representatives (BARs) from around the country came together at Alumnae Council to learn and share. In this group are (l. to r.) Gretchen Relyea Hannan '43 (Chicago), class fund chair; Audrey Middlebrook DeVoto '46, BAR in Missouri; Wendy Supovitz Reilly '63, class correspondent and BAR in southeast Georgia; Marget Fahey Wallace '71, BAR in Washington; Mary Lou Chapuis Lempert '54 and Mary Davis Williams '44, BARs in Dallas.

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The second issue which she places on the feminist agenda is the humanization of working conditions—not just for women but for all. This includes recognition of the value of paternity leave as well as maternity leave. Job-site child care should be the norm, not the exception. More flexible working hours would give honor and recognition to the commitment, to which we now pay only lip service, to the children in our society. These are issues which should be matters of policy, but government administrators can take steps to bring them into practice within their own jurisdictions, if they will.

## Survival in the Bureaucracy

Mary Ann Knauss began her work in the political trenches as organizer of the Young Republican Club at Barnard, in the days when the local congressman was Jacob K. Javits and every campaign had to begin with voter registration. Alignments within the Republican party may have shifted since then, and voters no longer have to re-register every year, but political campaigns still need volunteers to make them work, and winners still get "the spoils."

As a Secretarial appointee in the Department of Commerce, where career employees outnumber "political types" by 200 to 1, it took her a while, she says, to figure out how the system works, and how she could make a difference. The bureaucracy can be made to work, however, if men and women are ready to fight, and take risks, to make things happen.

Within the bureaucracy, she's learned how important the hierarchy can be, and "I've learned to live with that," she mused. "I remember one morning when I poked my head in the door of the Secretary's office. He looked up and said, 'Yes? Is there something you want?' 'No,' I

replied. 'I've learned about Washington and I just want to be able to say that I saw the Secretary today.'

"Titles are important, too. Those of us who just want to accomplish something will say we don't care what our title is. Well, *care* what your title is. Make sure you get a title, and recognition, and a salary if possible, for what you do."

If you need help, you will find that both men and women can be helpful, and both men and women can be roadblocks. This is no surprise, but it often confuses male colleagues who assumed that women always work together. On the other hand, a woman in government can help women she doesn't even know. At the Department of Commerce, a woman who was Assistant Secretary several years ago decided that if she didn't do something nobody would; the result was a booklet, "Ask Us," designed to help women business owners get their fair share of government contracts.

A second booklet, "Consider Commerce," encourages women to seek civil service career opportunities within the Department. Since vacancies in high positions in federal agencies are often filled from within, women will not move up to high places in large numbers until they have begun to move in down below. As Muriel Fox pointed out, "that's why we need Affirmative Action, and why it's not reverse discrimination. Men have benefited from affirmative action for 200 years."

When it comes to executive decisions that affect women, results will be better if the policy makers (usually men) hear that "ten groups have talked to us about this in the past week, and they're not to be denied." So lobbying can be as important in the agencies as in the legislatures.

Traditional expectations and stereotypes can be as limiting for women in government as in the private sector—if you let them. When Mary Ann Knauss was one of two women invited to a hunt by a state governor, she knew it would be an opportunity to meet people who were important to her job. She accepted, and arrived "in my khakis and my boots, and with my 12-gauge shotgun. It may sound daunting, but I soon realized that the men can't shoot either."

"If we could stop worrying whether we're good enough and recognize that 'the men can't shoot either,' we would bring common sense to government and refuse to continue enormous bureaucracies for programs that fail."  
—Ronnie Eldridge



# Venture Capital for Women in Politics

by Anne Broderick Zill '63

A little more than a decade ago, a group of seven women came together in a smoke-filled basement cocktail lounge in the Hay-Adams Hotel across Lafayette Square from the White House. The result was the creation of the Women's Campaign Fund (WCF), a political action committee with a single purpose: to bring the women's movement to politics by electing many progressive women to public office. I was one of those seven.

In 1973 a woman from the state of Nevada had decided to run for the U.S. Senate. Maya Miller was being neither foolish nor frivolous, but she did not exactly have history on her side. Only fifteen women have ever served in the U.S. Senate. Thirteen of these entered politics as widows of office holders, and the vast majority of them were appointed for "courtesy tenure," to fill the unexpired terms of their deceased husbands and to hold the seats until male successors could replace them. Indeed, the two women in the Senate today are the only non-widowed women in that chamber's history.

Maya Miller had led the fight in Nevada to save the northern end of Lake Tahoe from commercial development and she had a strong environmental reputation. She had been active in the League of Women Voters, was an early feminist, and served on the board of the American Friends Service Committee. She was not a widow, alas, and she had not held any previous political office. These were the strikes against her—other than her sex.

When in time-honored fashion she came to Washington to raise money for her campaign, she was practically laughed out of town. "No chance" was the verdict of even the most enlightened labor unions and of liberal funding entities such as the Council for A Livable World and the National Committee for an Effective Congress. That was when Miller and her fundraising aide came to see me. After detailing the bitter saga of rejections by Washington's kingmakers, Maya Miller declared that we had to get something going so that women in politics would be taken seriously. Enter WCF.

We thought it would be a snap: give some good women some money and they'll start to win. It was, of course, not so simple. Each of the founding board members also ran another organization and couldn't be expected to drop everything to pick up a new cause. They were Margery Tabankin (later the director of VISTA), Susan King (who later directed the National Consumer Product Safety Commission), Barbara Williams (then staff director of the Congressional Black Caucus), Liz Ruckelshaus, Arvonne Fraser, and Elise duPont. I was and am a foundation executive with Stewart R. Mott. In those early days we met at least once a week, in the evenings.

Our first need was for money to pay for the cost of

raising money. We went to Mott, and he happily loaned us \$15,000 for a direct mail effort. Our first letter was composed by committee and began, "It took 144 years for women to get the vote. How long will it take before women have an equal voice in politics?" The letter broke every rule in the book of direct mail procedures—it was less than a page long; the type was large; there were three signers, female members of Congress, instead of a single well-known person. Within weeks, however, we had doubled our money, returned the loan, and gone back into the mail. The message seemed to have currency.

In its first year WCF contributed a little over \$20,000 to women candidates around the country. It was a decent beginning. Naively, we had thought we could go out of business after the election of 1974, but we soon realized this had to be an operation for the long haul. The resistance to women in politics remained formidable. Maya Miller lost in her Democratic primary in a three way race in which one of her male opponents was also named Miller. Indeed, we couldn't take credit for electing anyone, but we did learn a few things.

## We needed to spell out specific standards for our support—not a simple task.

One of our first lessons was that it was important to give money to a woman candidate as early as possible in her campaign. That helped her gain credibility with other funding sources and also gave her morale a boost. We also realized that we needed to spell out some standards for our support. At first our only criterion was that the woman be substantially more progressive than her opponent, but we needed to become more specific.

In 1975 I was elected to chair WCF and I remained in that position for four years, until we began our present system of rotating co-chairs, Republican and Democratic. In the early days I ran it out of my back office with a couple of staff people. I put every woman I could find who had a career and was visible on an advisory board and invited them to participate in meetings. Perhaps this was my biggest mistake. When we came around to debating criteria one day in 1976, there were sixty powerful women in the room. Tempers flared.

We all agreed that the woman candidate had to have a chance of winning and that she had to support the ERA, but there wasn't easy agreement on the abortion question. Some didn't want to list a pro-choice position as a criterion at all; others felt that it was crucial. After hours of debate, the language was changed from "the right of women to choose abortion is a bottom-line issue" to "the right of women to choose abortion is of critical importance." Today I see very little difference between the two statements; in fact, the Fund has never knowingly supported a woman who didn't support "choice," but that debate and the change in wording was enough to cause some indignant resignations from the advisory board,



including those of Gloria Steinem and Maya Miller.

Direct mail was not our only source of money. We quickly realized we were good party givers. Even though we had only one event our first year, a ten-dollar-per-head outdoor affair during which attendees were scattered by a major thunderstorm, fundraising events began to bring in as much as \$150 a person. We extended the activity to Chicago, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, as well as New York and Washington. Local versions of the Women's Campaign Fund were spawned. We began to help women on the local level as fundraising efforts grew more successful.

Before the end of the seventies, WCF was also able to expand the *kind* of support it offered its candidates. Limited by law to \$5000 in cash contributions per candidate per election, the Fund began to help women in other ways—with a media consultant, perhaps, or a timely poll. The staff of WCF became brokers between campaign strategists and candidates. No longer were women candidates given short shrift in Washington; the staff also set up appointments, leading them from one money pot to another. In addition, the Fund began to put on candidate forums for women who were thinking about running for public office and needed to learn some of the ropes.

By Election Day 1984, the Fund had supported a total of 481 women politicians, about evenly divided between the national and local levels. In the 1983-84 election cycle, WCF contributed \$206,600 in cash and another \$200,000 in technical services to 162 women in 36 states and the Virgin Islands. In addition, record numbers of women ran for public office this time. There were ten women running for the U.S. Senate, double the number in 1980, and 65 women ran for the House, ten more than in 1982. For the first time in history there was a woman as a major party candidate for Vice President. A second woman was elected governor in her own right; the first woman ever was elected a state attorney general and there are two newly elected women who are lieutenant governors.

That was the good news. While the Fund heavily supported seven of the ten women running for the U.S. Senate, not one of them won. The win-lose ratio has not improved over ten years of operation. The Women's Campaign Fund is still a venture capital operation for women who, most often, choose to challenge popular, entrenched incumbent males. On the local level, the picture is brighter. More than 30% of school boards are women and more than seven percent of the mayors of U.S. cities are female. These local offices are the breeding grounds for higher political offices and encouraging signs for the future of women in politics.

Research done within the year for the Women's Campaign Research Fund, a tax deductible companion organization we launched to complement the political effort, showed that many women were able to raise as much money as their male counterparts in comparable races. That suggests that women *are* being taken seriously in politics, at last.

This long-haul operation has given me a lot of personal satisfaction. As the only survivor still on the Board

(which now numbers 35 women across the country) after ten years, I am called a founding mother. I who never ran for any office at all in college now find it heady stuff to be a behind-the-scenes power broker for women in politics. I think to myself that while women are not innately better or worse than men, they *are* less used to power and, for a time, less likely to wage wars and more likely to think of the future of their young. (All the women supported by WCF, for example, support a freeze of nuclear weapons.) Perhaps our world might improve with more women at the helm, a statement I offer hesitantly given our role models to date. I do exhort my three daughters, one of whom is a Barnard junior, and other qualified young women with good values to give politics serious consideration. What I know for certain is that the following statement originally offered by Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder (D-CO) continues to make my blood boil: "If the number of women winning seats in the U.S. Congress continues to increase at the same rate as it has for the last 20 years, it will take 410 more years for women to achieve equal numbers in the House."

## New Frontiers Old Barriers

by Nancy Rosenstein Mayer '58

**February 13, 1984.** Lila M. Sapinsley, six term Rhode Island state senator and minority leader, former chair of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, holder of several honorary degrees, graduate of a seven sister college, announces that she is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. She is one of five women on the Republican ticket in Rhode Island, a phenomenon which attracts national attention.

**April 1, 1984.** I begin a leave of absence from my law firm to manage Lila's campaign. A *Providence Journal* reporter tells me that I am the first woman to manage a statewide campaign in Rhode Island. Apparently the local political leaders are not averse to women running for office, but they prefer to have men deciding how the races will be run.

**November 6, 1984.** The early returns are not encouraging. Although Lila is doing well in most parts of the state, she is taking a beating in Providence, a Democratic stronghold. The mood in our suite at the Marriott, election night headquarters, is glum in contrast to the revelry in the halls and the ballroom. Lila's running mate is well on his way to becoming Rhode Island's first Republican governor in sixteen years. Lila ends the evening three thousand votes behind, and although she makes up a thousand in the absentee ballot count, she loses the election.

**November 24, 1984.** Lila is speaking to loyal supporters and campaign workers gathered at her home for a post-election reunion turned post-mortem. "Nancy





and I were naive," she says. "We thought that I could run on my record, that I could address the issues, and that people would listen and vote for me. As you all know, that didn't happen."

## In "show biz" campaigns, the losers are the voters.

What had happened was that we had attempted to run a positive, issue-oriented campaign. The local "pols" had grumbled that our emphasis on issues made the whole endeavor look like a ladies' tea party, and by the beginning of October we were 18 points down in the polls. We were in deep trouble. We realized that we needed more staff, more money, more advertising, more "show biz" press conferences staged on location with props and timed to make the six o'clock news — and we brought in a politically seasoned (male) pro to help. We also switched ad agencies.

The campaign became harder hitting and more aggressive overnight. Our first agency had tinkered with Lila's image, softening it, emphasizing her belief in good government, the fact that she was a grandmother, and even that she could bake a mean cookie. This was done in the belief that "non-working" and older women found her achievements and intellectual prowess intimidating. Our new agency tinkered some more and the Lila that emerged this time resembled a feisty street-fighter more than a genteelly accomplished grandmother. A series of radio spots lambasted the opposing candidate. Lila, who had never believed in negative campaigning, put on her boxing gloves, and like a seasoned pugilist took a few roundhouse swings at her opponent. She attacked his voting record in the State Senate, his vision of the office, and the fact that his law firm represented clients engaged in controversial coastal development. The local "pols" applauded.

Once the campaign entered this combative phase, I felt my authority gradually drain away. I remained as campaign director, but our newly acquired male called the shots. His hard-hitting style and the tough new media approach brought Lila to within a half percentage point of victory.

Another troubling aspect of the campaign was the constant need for money. Although we had raised over \$200,000 — a large sum for a small state — we were being outspent more than two to one. I decided to see if networking would help, and sent a fundraising letter to five thousand alumnae of Lila's seven sister alma mater, from which she holds a distinguished alumna award.

The solicitation was sent nationally to all graduates of the years between 1930 and 1950. The idea was to try the next twenty years if the first effort was successful. We netted somewhat less than five thousand dollars in small contributions along with several vicious letters that were harshly critical of our approach. The college, too, received several complaints and asked us not to send any more letters. Would that have happened at a men's school?

And there were political and philosophical problems to deal with as well.

Rhode Island is an odd little state. Its politics are often inverse to those nationally, giving the state an Alice in Wonderland quality where things are not what they seem. For example, the Democratic legislative majority here is quite conservative; it has consistently voted against a state ERA, while voting for a series of unconstitutional bills limiting a woman's right to have an abortion. The Republicans, on the other hand, have attracted many liberal women by giving them the chance to run for major offices. A number of these women, like Lila, have been supported by the Women's Campaign Fund and the National Women's Political Caucus.

A major crisis erupted early in the campaign when a reporter asked Lila if she would support the President for reelection. The occasion was a press conference called to present a white paper on women's equity programs. The media gave the carefully crafted white paper short shrift while Lila's refusal to answer the reporter's question made the front page (the only time in the entire campaign that she was given space on page one). This issue was to haunt us throughout the campaign.

On another front, the gubernatorial candidate made no effort to run with Lila, as a team, until almost the last week of the campaign. By that time he had a big lead of his own, but he finds himself now in the anomalous position of having a Lieutenant Governor of the opposite party.

## "Women are being taken seriously in politics, at last."

Although I am reluctant to draw sweeping conclusions from one campaign, I do feel that the macho political arena is even less accepting of female campaign managers than of female candidates, and this affects the nature of the political contests. The men who took over the day-to-day management of our campaign whipped themselves into a white-hot frenzy of dislike for our rival that became more intense as Election Day approached. This exaggerated antipathy helped rationalize the attacks that they launched, but did little to inform the voters. It also seemed that serious issues of public concern all too often had to give way to staged media events. Most regrettable is the fact that millions of dollars must be spent in a state even as small as Rhode Island to elect a slate of candidates.

Nonetheless, I would urge everyone to get involved in politics at least once, either as a candidate or a worker. Campaigns are tiring, frustrating, intense, occasionally exciting, always challenging, and never boring. Their inner workings offer a rare perspective on our political lives and times. And out there on the horizon is the bright promise of election that brings the ability to influence public policy and people's lives.

As Lila said so many optimistic months ago before a cheering crowd, "This is heady stuff."



# Advocacy for the Corporate Viewpoint—The Business Lobbyist

by Margot Curtin Parker '57

Actions of government at all levels have a major influence on individuals, and individuals respond and comment on these actions through the ballot box and various forms of advocacy. In addition, actions of government affect almost every aspect of business—marketing, production, personnel, and planning—in small businesses as well as multinational corporations, and business responds and comments on these actions, too. That is what lobbying is all about. As Manager of State and Local Government Relations for General Motors Corporation, Margot Parker is concerned with the increasing volume and complexity of state and local issues of concern to that organization.

Although growth in state government has been encouraged by the policies of the present administration, state power and influence have actually been in revival over the past ten years. In part, this was due to the failure of the "Great Society" programs, and all the federal money involved in them, to satisfy the problems facing the nation's diverse needs and interests. But that is not the whole story.

Traditionally, states have had jurisdiction over many areas that affect the corporate "bottom-line," including insurance items like workers' and unemployment compensation, sales taxes, and utility-related issues. Now, they are moving into a broad range of more sophisticated areas, such as environmental issues like disposal of hazardous waste. The realization seems to be growing that states must protect and support their own interests and constituencies.

One illustration of the rate of this growth is the number of bills introduced in state legislatures: in 1967-68 the total for all states was 135,000. In 1979-80, this figure had grown to 200,000, and the estimated total for 1983-84 is 250,000. Approximately 20% of bills introduced in the states become law. (As a point of reference, there were 20,000 bills introduced in the Congress in 1984, and only three per cent will be enacted.)

Since the late sixties, there have also been many changes in state legislatures themselves. In 1954, fourteen states held regular sessions. During the seventies, 22 state bodies were meeting annually, the remainder

only every two years. In 1983, 49 state legislatures met, and eight now meet year-round. From the point of view of business, this provides many more opportunities for the adoption of legislation that will have adverse impact.

In addition, legislative ideas move rapidly from state to state through a broad range of organizations that provide liaison between legislators and special interest groups. Increasingly, legislative proposals that would affect business grow from issues in a single state to national movements within a year or two. Some unsuccessful efforts to achieve legislative goals in Washington—such as restrictions on plant closings—are now being moved to the state level.

## The Auto Industry Responds

One out of every six jobs in the U.S. is related to the automotive industry through manufacturing, sales, or distribution. As a result, almost every type of state government activity has the potential to affect our business in some way. To respond to the growth in this activity, GM now has ten regional offices with responsibility for corporate liaison with state and local administrative and legislative bodies. Our representatives convey the corporate position and response on issues ranging from franchise agreement restrictions and controls on consumer loans to licensing of mechanics and so-called "lemon-laws."

States also have some legislative authority over employment matters such as benefit levels for health delivery systems and mandatory retirement. There are major cost concerns for business in these areas, and we frequently find that we must counter the attempts of unions to achieve through legislation what they are unable to obtain through collective bargaining.

In the production/manufacturing process, businesses increasingly find their operations restricted by state and city controls related to the environment. While many of these may be beneficial, they are often more complicated than they seem. Even a ban on cigarette smoking can be costly to implement, while control of toxic waste requires high level technical skills on the part of the state agencies and legislative staffs as well as in the corporation itself.

Like many large companies, GM is recognized for its expertise in environmental and occupational safety matters and spends much time and money in research, development, and engineering in these areas. There is a



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valid rationale for state flexibility in handling these issues, and it is GM's intent to share its expertise with the parties concerned. It is the role of the corporate government relations representative to bring the information on technical issues to these discussions. When government officials recognize the potential impact of their actions, and understand the alternatives, we are more likely to have true solutions for difficult problems.

As the public debate over complex issues becomes more intense, both business and government recognize the need for cooperation to develop workable public policies. The credibility of our representatives and of our information is critical to our successful participation in this effort. That credibility is our first priority.

# Their Office is a Courtroom

by Megan Schwarz '86

The appointment of women to be judges is still a rare occurrence in this country, and they comprise a modest two per cent of the judicial population. The first woman was appointed to the bench in 1870, only one year after the first woman had been admitted to the bar, but the number of women in the legal profession has grown far more quickly. We know of several Barnard graduates who are serving as judges in federal, state, and local courts around the country, and we thought both students and alumnae would like to know more about these women. Megan Schwarz, an editor of the *Barnard Bulletin*, has summarized the views of seven of them on their own experiences, and on the judicial process and the selection of judges, to share with readers of *Bulletin* and this magazine.

## Not Quite Equal Opportunity

Although students who read this article may not be able to imagine how much has changed in recent years, alumnae will not be surprised to learn that the doors of prestigious law firms were for many years completely

closed to women. When Susan Shimer applied for a position in a Wall Street firm during the period 1959 to 1964, many told her directly, "We don't hire women." Her first job was in the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice. When Eleanor Leen MacDonald began looking for a job in 1967, law firms and corporations were still saying things like, "We like you, but you're a woman and we'll never hire a woman."

Consequently, while some of the women continued to seek positions with major firms in the private sector, most chose a different route. Julia Ashbey, for example, worked as staff counsel to the Citizens Committee for Children, while Rena Uviller began her career as a legal aide in the Family Court. She recalls that it was not so difficult to get a job in the field of family and children's law because, "although more challenging and interesting, it was considered to be a 'girl's field'."

By the time Myriam Altman was appointed to the bench in 1979, things had changed and women were being sought for judicial positions. Still, Judge Ashbey observes, "it is both easier and more difficult today for a woman to be a lawyer or a judge. The barriers have been broken. And sheer numbers make a difference. On the other hand, being a woman earlier had a shock value. I was visible. Everyone knew who I was. It was, perhaps, an asset in my first nomination, and finally everyone got used to the idea. Now, like the Supreme Court, people are used to the idea of one, maybe two, women on the bench of every county."

It almost goes without saying that women who want to be judges must work harder and be better than their male colleagues, as well as coping with the competing pressures of career and family. Judge Altman still remembers the advice of President McIntosh to "have your children during summer vacations." Judge Ashbey "stole time from the office by leaving after the early lunch crowd and returning before the late lunch crowd. As I was regarded as something of a freak by both the men lawyers and the women secretaries, this was not difficult."

Good housekeeping help has been essential from the start, even when it meant "working to support the housekeeper," as Judge MacDonald did. Another key factor is a husband willing to make sacrifices. Judge Uviller feels lucky because her husband has been a willing and contributing parent; at the same time she is angry that this is considered lucky—it ought to be the norm.

## Becoming and Being a Judge

The way in which judges are chosen differs tremendously from state to state, but the specific method isn't a matter of highest priority to these women. What matters is that the selection process be removed as much as possible from the world of partisan politics. Judge Ashbey commented that "appointment, at least, prevents the spectacle of a robed figure on billboards defending some constitutionally required but publicly unpopular opinion."

Judge White notes a strong correlation between the number of women on the bench in a state and the



The Honorable  
Eleanor MacDonald



strength of the women's bar association there. Where the bar association is strong, it can organize fundraising and moral support for qualified women—as happened in New York prior to the appointment of Judith Kaye to the Court of Appeals.

These women also believe that the legal profession has benefited from the influx of large numbers of women, and that the judicial system will be similarly affected. "Women tend to be less confrontational," said Judge Uviller, "and have a variety of means for conflict resolution which make lawyering less of a gladiatorial situation."

When Judith Kaye was appointed, she commented on the significance of a woman's presence on the state's highest court: "I take my gender with me wherever I go. Having come up as a litigator in a male-dominated profession and a male-dominated specialty, my experiences

are different. I think that's a useful perspective and the court should have it."

What is their view of the system over which they preside? There seems to be a consensus that, as Judge Shimer put it, "Everything can stand improvement, and we have an obligation to try to improve the judicial process." Judge Altman, for one, is working for merger of the six trial courts in New York State into a single-tier trial court with complete jurisdiction.

Working conditions for those who work within the court system benefit from the participation of women, too. In Judge White's court, for example, the presence of women lawyers and judges in increasing numbers has stimulated efforts to provide day care for the children of all court employees.

And what's it like, being a judge? It is, after all, what many consider the capstone of a career in the law. Some

## Barnard On The Bench

Many Barnard women have served as judges in several different courts in all parts of the country. There are undoubtedly some who are not known to us, but this list will indicate some of the variety in alumnae experience and the positions they occupy.

**Justine Wise Polier '24** served on the Family Court in NYC until 1973 and after that as Director of the Juvenile Justice Project of the Children's Defense Fund. Founder and past president of the Wiltwyck School for Boys, she is the author of *Everyone's Children*, *Nobody's Child* and a wide range of other writings. She is a graduate of Yale Law School and received an honorary Doctor of Laws from Yale for her work on behalf of "the rights of all, no matter how young."

**Shirley Levittan '39** had been out of college for 13 years before she entered law school. Now she is a judge in the Criminal Court and has been designated an Acting Justice in the New York State Supreme Court, Violent Offenses Parts.

**Anna Johnston Taylor '54** found that the doors of New York and Washington law firms were closed to women when she graduated from Yale Law, so she went into the Solicitor's Office of the U.S. Department of Labor. She was appointed to the Federal District Court in Michigan by President Carter.

**Edith Witty Fine '51**, a graduate of Harvard Law School, was appointed last year to the Massachusetts Court of Appeals, the Commonwealth's second highest court. She is a former presiding justice of Brookline Municipal Court and more recently sat on the Superior Court. She once served as assistant corporation counsel for the city of Boston.

**Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum '50** was one of ten women in her class of 280 at Columbia Law School. Before she became Village

Justice in Scarsdale, she was associate counsel for the Museum of Modern Art.

**Anna Aldrich '48** was nominated by Senator Howard Metzenbaum and serves as a federal district judge in Ohio.

**Marguerite Trovato Simon '58** was appointed to the New Jersey Superior Court last fall. A graduate of the University of Virginia Law School, she worked in antitrust litigation for two years and then went into private practice. She was a founder and first president of Women Lawyers of Bergen County.

**Judith Ann Yannello '64**, who has been a judge since 1976, was appointed to the U.S. Court of Claims in 1982.

**Alice Glantz Daniel '56** sits on the New York State Court of Claims. She is a graduate of Columbia Law School, a former faculty member at Columbia, Georgetown, and Hastings Law Schools, and former Assistant Attorney General of the U.S.

The judges whose comments appear in the adjacent article are:

**Myriam Jarblum Altman '59**, a judge on the New York Civil Court. She has also served as Acting Supreme Court Justice.

**Eleanor Leen MacDonald '64**, an Administrative Law Judge with the National Labor Relations Board.

**Susan Rosenthal Shimer '57**, who was the first woman and the first Democrat to be elected to a village judgeship in North Castle, Westchester County.

**Rena Katz Uviller '59** of the New York City Civil Court, former Director of the ACLU Juvenile Rights Project.

**Judith Smith Kaye '58**, the first woman to be appointed to the New York State Court of Appeals.

**Julia Lovett Ashbey '53**, appointed to the Superior Court of New Jersey in 1976, who presides in the Family Court.

**Helene White '76**, now a Circuit Court Judge in Wayne County, Michigan, who was probably the youngest judge in the country when she was elected to Detroit's Common Pleas Court in 1980.





assume that a judgeship brings with it some control of one's environment, combined with an ivory tower of academic involvement. "Nothing," says Judge Ashbey, "could be further from the truth. Originally, I had had some notion that I would have more regular hours as a judge than as a lawyer, and would have more time with my family. That, of course, proved nonsense."

In any case, judicial ambition should not be the main goal. Each woman should try to beat her own path, not "be influenced by social movements...or look to a career because she feels she must," commented Judge Altman. Judge Kaye noted that she has "never been disappointed by the legal profession. The excitement and challenge, the out and out battle on intellectual grounds, and the possibility of doing some good for society combine to make law a great career."

## Organizing "In The Public Interest"

Women who want to participate in public affairs have only recently seen elective office or professional government service as viable avenues for their interest. Traditionally, women in America, like many men, going back at least as far as the abolitionist movement, have demonstrated their concern about public issues by joining "public interest" groups. These organizations have been defined as those whose primary objectives "will not selectively and materially reward their members," raising questions of why people join the groups, why they continue to belong, and why some choose to become activist members.

It should be noted at the outset that many public interest groups offer little or no opportunity for members of the public to participate in their work. The Nader organization, for example, has supporters rather than members, but its success in influencing public policy indicates that it is not always necessary for citizen groups to have citizen involvement.

There has been little research about the special characteristics of people who join and support public interest groups, but Professor Constance Cook recently studied members of four large, well-established groups: League of Women Voters, Conservative Caucus, ACLU, and Common Cause. Of these four, the LWV is of greatest interest to us, since many Barnard women have been active members from the time the League was founded in 1920. A quick review of recent Class Notes indicates that the level of participation has remained high even as more and more women pull back from volunteer activity and enter the paid work force.

Earlier research had resulted in the "exchange theory" of interest group membership, involving costs as well as benefits. The benefits of participation were presumed to be selective, or personal, and to be either tangible, social, or ideological in nature. Since the rewards provided by public interest groups are, by definition, not selective, one might expect rational people to choose to be "free riders," to contribute nothing but to enjoy the benefits of others' contributions to the group's policy

achievements.

The intangible, ideological benefit that is apparently uppermost in the minds of prospective and current members of the LWV is the satisfaction of performing a civic duty. This cannot be justified in any ordinary cost/benefit analysis, but then, neither can the act of voting. Fortunately, many citizens vote anyway, not because of tangible benefits that outweigh the costs, but because it satisfies their sense of responsibility.

There is also the personal satisfaction of making a commitment to particular public policy goals. For 27% of the League members in the sample surveyed by Professor Cook, this was the single most important factor. For members of ACLU, it was the primary motivation for almost half of the sample.

It is interesting to note that the issues to which the commitment of most members of all four groups was directed tended to be at the national level. Among the "activists" among them, however, there was greater interest in local and state issues. (Among the public at large, there is a similar division of attention. Most people tend to know the name of at least one of their U.S. Senators or their state governor. Anyone who can identify local officials is likely to be an aggrieved citizen, a local government employee, or a member of the League.)

A third type of incentive for membership in public interest groups is the strong desire to have an influence on politics. While some citizens choose to channel their interest in individualized ways, as in letter-writing, others believe that they can be most effective as part of an organized group. In a few cases, the desire to be with people who share one's interests is, in and of itself, the motivation for membership.

There are some tangible benefits for membership in public interest groups, as well. In the case of the League, this applies to the information on political issues that is packaged and distributed to members through newsletters and other publications. Although it was not stated by many as the primary reason for joining the organization, it was the most frequently mentioned as one of the important reasons.

When members expressed criticism of a public interest group, they tended to point to the group's lack of effectiveness in influencing governmental policy or to its impersonal nature. For every member's complaint about lack of involvement, however, there were several counter-complaints about the frequency of demands on members' time and money.

What does a public-interest group want from its members? Money, of course, but not only that. Members are usually expected to write letters, provide help with media contacts or do research to support a lobbying effort. They may be asked to attend regulatory hearings, or even to provide "pro bono" professional (usually legal) services. Most of all, each public interest group constitutes what women have come to recognize as one of the most powerful mechanisms for bringing about change in our society, a network.

*This article is based on a study by Constance Ewing Cook '64, chairperson and assistant professor of political science at Albion College. Professor Cook first presented her findings at an annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. A later version was published in the American Politics Quarterly. Her research was partially supported by a grant to Albion College by the Mellon Foundation.*



# ALUMNAE CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee of the Associate Alumnae submits for your consideration the following slate of candidates. One person has been named to fill each of the positions on the Board of Directors that will become vacant this spring. Six candidates have been nominated to fill three places on the nine-member Nominating Committee. Directors and committee members serve three-year terms.

As stated in Article XIII, Section 2 of the Bylaws, nominations may also be made by petition of not fewer than 20 members of the Associate Alumnae who shall come from at least four different classes. Such a petition must be filed with the chairman of the Nominating Committee, 221 Milbank Hall, not later than March 16, 1985, and must be

accompanied by the written permission of the candidate.

The official ballot will be mailed to all alumnae as part of the announcement for Reunion 1985. Please save this issue for reference when filling out your ballot since the descriptions of the candidates will not be repeated there.

The members of the Nominating Committee which prepared this slate were: Olga Bendix '33\*, chairman; Marilyn Chin '74, Jean Vandervoort Cullen '44\*, Linda Krakower Greene '69, Arleen Hurwitz '67, Frances Evans Land '55, Ethel Schneider Paley '49, Gayle Robinson '75, Ellen Handler Spitz '61\*. (\*denotes members whose terms expire in 1985.)

## CANDIDATE FOR ALUMNAE TRUSTEE

**Ruth Schachter Morgenthau '52**



Ruth Morgenthau is Adlai Stevenson Professor of International Politics at Brandeis University. She served on the US delegation to the UN from 1977 to 1981 and was a member of several US delegations to the UN Food and Agricultural Organization. She is the president of the Liaison Committee for Food Corps Programs, International, which develops self-help programs that will provide the means for farmers in poor countries to move toward self-sufficiency. Among her published works is *Political Parties in French-Speaking West Africa* (Oxford, 1964, 1967), which was named by the African Studies Association as the best book on Africa and was recently translated into French. She has been an advisor to the Democratic Party on foreign affairs and women's issues, and testified frequently before congressional committees.

Mrs. Morgenthau has come up through the faculty ranks at Brandeis, where she chaired the politics department and served as faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. She has also been a trustee of the University of Massachusetts and of the Suffolk Franklin Savings Bank of Boston.

She came to Barnard from Hunter High School, where she was president of the student body. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, she became a Fulbright Scholar in Paris and received her doctorate from Oxford University.

She has balanced her active professional career with family commitments. She and her husband, Henry, have three children, of whom the eldest, Sarah, is a senior at Barnard. She notes that *"this strengthens the feeling I have that Barnard is part of my family. Barnard nurtured me in a vital stage of my life, expected the best of me, and I tried to meet that expectation. When I walk through the iron gate, or sink into the peace and plenty of the library, I feel I am coming home."*

*"I welcome the opportunity, as Alumnae Trustee, to help future generations of students enjoy Barnard's unique opportunities."*



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**Patricia N. Hunter '69**

Participants in recent Career Conferences at Barnard have seen the impact of Pat Hunter's work as a member of the Careers Committee and workshop discussion leader. In her own career, she is an assistant vice president and manager of college relations for Irving Trust Company. She is also a member of the Barnard BBPW.

## CHAIRMAN, CLUB COMMITTEE



**Elizabeth Westcott '71**

Former president, now active member and legal counsel to the Barnard Club of New York, Elizabeth is also the founder and current president of the Intercollegiate Alumni Assn. of NYC, an umbrella group of 25 alumni/ae organizations. She chaired the Lower Manhattan area for the Barnard Campaign and has served as chairman of the Nominating Committee. She is a litigation attorney and secretary of the Committee on State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction of the NYC Bar Association.

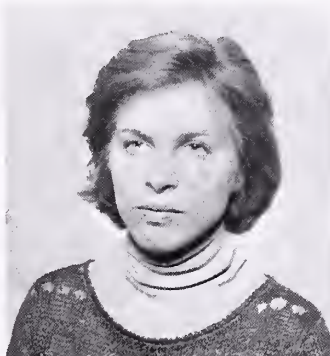
## CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL COMMITTEE



**Anne Keating '51**

Since graduation from college, Anne has been engaged in marketing and advertising, first at an agency and then with *Natural History* magazine. In 1969 she went to the Smithsonian Institution to help found *Smithsonian* magazine, of which she is now Associate Publisher responsible for circulation and ancillary business activities. For the past three years she has been a member of the Careers Committee of the AABC.

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**Margaret Zweig Lee '75**

Margaret moved into the art design field after working as a copywriter and account executive in advertising and public relations. Formerly director of special advertising sections at *Business Week* and account executive on Exxon's special affairs and arts programs, she now runs her own graphic studio in NYC. At Barnard she was an editor of *Bulletin* and she has been a contributor and editorial board member for the *Alumnae Magazine*.

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**Gwyneth MacKenzie Murphy '76**

Gwyneth's many activities as an undergraduate were capped by her election to receive the Bryson Prize. As an alumna she worked in development and student affairs while attending Fordham Law School, and she is currently a member of the Student Affairs Committee. She works as a litigator in the NYC Law Dept. and is a member of the office basketball team. She is also a member of St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery, and does voter registration there.

## DIRECTOR AT LARGE



**Mary Lou Chapuis Lempert '54**

A graduate of Teachers College, Mary Lou has taught school and also served on a local school board in Queens, NY. Now a resident of Dallas, she has been an officer of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League and delegate to the Women's Council of Dallas County. Once an active member of the Barnard Club of Long Island and of the Barnard Fund Alumnae Committee, she has continued her alumnae work as BAR and North Texas regional chair of the Barnard Campaign.

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(three to be elected)



**Ninetta diBenedetto Hession '39**

Now a free lance reading consultant, Ninetta Hession has been a reading resource teacher. She is a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at her church and has been active in the Interfaith Council. A former officer of her alumnae class, she is a member of the Classes Committee. As an undergraduate, she was chosen for the Bryson Prize.



**Linda Benjamin Hirschson '62**

Formerly a law professor, now a partner in the firm of Gilbert, Segall and Young, Linda is a founding member and current treasurer of the Barnard Business and Professional Women, Inc. She has been head of the Bylaws Committee of the AABC and works on various Bar Association committees in connection with state and federal tax laws.



**Barbara Glaser Sahlman '53**

Barbara's service to Barnard as a class and committee officer has already brought her an Alumna Recognition Award, and she continues to serve as a member of the Alumnae Council and Parents Committees. She is a sculptor whose work was recently exhibited in a one-person show in New London, CT.



**Mindy Domb '81**

A Barnard internship took Mindy to the office of Congressman Ted Weiss (D-NY), where she is now District Representative/Community Liaison. Previously she was Coordinator of Volunteers for the Barnard Campaign. She is active in the Coalition for a Nuclear Free Harbor and the Greenwich Village Coalition Against Nuclear Arms. Mindy is a former member of the Student Affairs Committee.



**Duane Lloyd Patterson '55**

Duane is a supervising teacher at The Nightingale-Bamford School. She was the first president of her alumnae class and has served on the AABC Board as director at large and secretary. She has been a member of the Barnard Fund Alumnae Committee and the Reunion Committee, and is responsible for the development of new courses for the Barnard Seminars for Home Study.



**Rickie L.J. Singer '73**

The Barnard College Club of NY and the AABC Club Committee have been Rickie's recent links to Barnard. She is a *cum laude* graduate of Brooklyn Law School, co-author of several articles, and member of the Real Property, Tax and Corporate divisions of the NYC Bar Assn. She is also a member of the Contemporary Action Committee of the American Jewish Committee.



# The Scholar-Teacher-Student Cycle

by Toni Coffee

According to a statement in the current catalogue, the members of the Barnard faculty are "scholar-teachers who have long recognized that their teaching depends upon their scholarship and grows out of it. . . (Their) abiding achievement is a constant demonstration of the binding ties of teaching and scholarship which simply will not accept the possibility of any serious conflict between them."

Unfortunately, such conflict is hard to avoid when the demands of a full-time teaching appointment are combined with the need for concentration on research. If the college values the research, it is not enough to say so, says Dean of the Faculty Charles Olton. If you believe in faculty development, "you must provide incentives." This is the philosophy that underlies the College's program of faculty grants.

As recently as 1977, "in-house" funds for faculty development amounted to a few thousand dollars for minor research projects and as aid for people who were reading papers at various professional meetings. Challenge grants from the Mellon and Hewlett Foundations have provided substantial new support for this purpose, and some additional money was generated out of the College's operating budget. The total amount is never truly enough but, Dean Olton notes, "we have come a long way toward meeting the need."

When a faculty member receives a grant for professional development during the academic year, she does not receive additional income. Instead, the money is used to pay someone else to teach one or more courses that the faculty member would normally teach, providing

her with that precious commodity, time. Summer grants, on the other hand, do represent a form of "over-time" pay, providing extra compensation up to 2/9ths of regular salary.

Some awards are made in cash, but these are designed to cover such essential costs as indexing, typing and copying of manuscripts, library fees, computer time, and the purchase of specialized equipment. Although relatively small, such awards help to remove the disincentives that might otherwise seem to accompany the completion of a research project.

The unified grants procedure which has been established requires applicants to submit their proposals to a committee of the faculty. In this process of peer review, proposals are screened and then matched with appropriate funding sources. In some cases, a "minigrant" of College funds is awarded to support a pilot project so that it can become the basis of an application for a major grant from an outside source.

One important function of faculty development funds is the support of scholarly activity among younger non-tenured faculty. Sabbaticals are considered an entitlement for tenured faculty, to be used as the individual chooses. It is the so-called "junior faculty," not yet tenured and under tremendous pressure to compile evidence of their scholarship, who need the special support of faculty development grants.

Among the awards that were approved last year was a semester leave for Assistant Professor of Psychology Robert Remez, so that he could conduct experiments in speech perception. Some of his other work in this field was described in his article on computer conversation in

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## Sponsored Research Builds Programs

In addition to the research which is funded by internal awards, exciting academic work is made possible by grants from outside agencies, foundations, etc. Projects and programs currently receiving such funding cover a full range of academic and institutional interests.

The National Science Foundation, for example, is supporting a research project in which Nan Rothschild, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, is investigating subsistence in colonial New Amsterdam and New York. Some of Professor Rothschild's findings, based on excavation of four sites in Lower Manhattan, have been presented at alumnae club events and will be described in a presentation to alumnae during Reunion this spring.

Professor of Psychology Rae Silver received a continuation grant from the National Institutes of Health last year, for her studies of incubation behavior in the ring dove. (Fascinating and amusing aspects of this research were shared with alumnae at a lecture during Reunion 1982.)

"Women in Religious Communities: Italy

and the British Isles 500-1500" is the title of the current project of Professor Suzanne Wemple which is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Now in its second phase, this research covers religious communities in Latin Christendom before 1500 and a biobibliography of women associated with medieval religious life as founders, benefactors, administrators, spiritual leaders, teachers, writers and artists.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Lawrence Aber is involved in a research project into the impact of comprehensive social services on the development of "high-risk youth." The study is supported by a grant from the William T. Grant Foundation.

A grant which permitted the development of a coherent program in the humanities has been followed by an "Implementation Grant" from NEH. Professors Barbara Stoler Miller and Serge Gavronsky have supervised this project, in which six team-taught courses are to be offered along with several versions of a Seminar in Theory and Practice of Translation.

— TCC

# LETTER FROM SURINAM

by Leslie Locketz '70

Isolated by the sea, the jungle, and the Dutch language, Surinam, one of the newest nations in the Americas, remains a stranger to its neighbors and the rest of the world. Until 1971, I knew it only as Dutch Guiana—from sixth grade geography—one of those three little countries at the top of South America that weren't Latin, weren't really countries either, and didn't seem to have much to do with the rest of the continent.

Although this letter is about Surinam, it actually begins and for the moment ends in Mexico. My first contact came through a young Dutch photographer who was an instructor at the University of the Americas in Cholula, where my sister was a student. And as I write, seventy photographs of my Surinamese experience are coming down from the walls of the Mexican Council of Photography's Casa de la Fotografia in Mexico City. They have been on display there since September.

When I first went to Surinam in 1973, I lived on the edge of the jungle on a dirt road with three houses. Surinam is 75% virgin jungle, and trees are the most impressive feature of the natural environment. Rains are heavy and frequent. The "dry season" in Surinam means "less rain," not "no rain." Left alone, even in the city, the trees break through and take over. As a shy newcomer who didn't speak the language, I photographed trees first, and the photographs helped orient me to my new place.

By 1974 I had

moved to Paramaribo, the capital, home of two-thirds of the population. My neighbors were Hindustanis, Javanese, Creoles, Chinese, Bush Negroes, and Dutch—practically a microcosm of Surinam itself. I had been to the remote interior to make photographs of Bush Negro hairdos for the Surinam museum and to the far west of the country to photograph the opening of a power plant. These and other freelance jobs gave me practice and confidence photographing strangers. Through much struggle and many mistakes, I learned to speak Dutch and the Creole language Sranan Tongo. Eventually I

was hired by the Bureau of Public Health as its photographer. I documented all facets of the organization, including the Anti-Malaria Campaign, which gave me additional opportunities to travel and photograph in the country. I organized and carried out a health education project using video in schools in a rural district. With a Surinamese friend I volunteered to teach a high school photography club. I became the photographer for a Surinamese women's newspaper, *Sranan Oena Opo*.

From 1667 until 1975, Surinam had been under Dutch rule. The two biggest celebrations of the year were the Queen's birthday in April and Emancipation Day, the commemoration of the 1863 end to slavery, in July. The colonial flag had five stars of different colors: red, yellow, brown, black, and white, representing the different peoples who make up the Surinamese community. They are descendants of people from Asia, Africa, and Europe who came by choice or by force to work in an economy



Mrs. Chandrike and her pet parrot, Paramaribo, Surinam





"Renew the Social and Economic Order,"  
Surinam Mural Project,  
1980

which for 300 years was based on plantations growing luxury crops for export.

I lived in Surinam for the two years preceding independence and witnessed its last election as a Dutch colony. Political parties were organized along ethnic lines, with the United Hindustani Party (representing 35% of the population) losing to the National Combination Party which primarily represented the Creoles (30% of the population). During those frightening months several of the beautiful green and white wooden government buildings were burned down because of the fears about the upcoming independence, and hundreds of people left the country for Holland every day in order to stay Dutch and enjoy the benefits of the Dutch welfare system in their old age.

On November 25, 1975, Surinam received its independence. Exactly at midnight the old flag came down, the band began to play, the fireworks went off, and "the embracing of Lachman (the Hindustani leader of the opposition) and Aaron (the new Creole prime minister)" was announced over the loudspeaker. It was a very emotional scene. The new flag had only one gold star representing the one people that is Surinam. A few days later, in the middle of the night, the statue of the Dutch queen was removed from the main square and sent to live in Fort Zeelandia, the Surinam Museum, where she would take her historical place safe from vandals.

Shortly after the independence festivities, I returned to the United States to finish my graduate studies in photography. I went back to Surinam in November 1980, to have an exhibition in honor of the fifth anniversary of independence and to visit a place that had made an immense impression on me. (In Surinam, the number five has special significance; every fifth birthday is considered a "biggi verjari" or "big birthday," and an especially big party is given.) A few months before that trip, Surinam had experienced a military coup, and another new order was just beginning.

Although the change in government had happened almost by accident (the result of a strike by career military officers for better wages and a one-night skirmish with the police), the mood was hopeful. Buildings were freshly painted, water danced in all the normally dry fountains, and a much respected Chinese doctor had

been appointed prime minister. The week I arrived, the curfew which had been in effect since February was lifted for Saturday nights and for the Independence Anniversary festivities. There were parties everywhere.

My show was in a new space at the YWCA in one of those beautiful green and white colonial buildings, the shutters thrown open, sunlight streaming through. At the opening I served ginger beer, plantain chips, cassava cake and oranges on ice. Almost everyone I had ever met in Surinam came—I don't believe there had ever been a one-person photography exhibit in Surinam before—certainly not one filled with photographs of Surinamese people. Before leaving again I made a special point of photographing my very best friends. I did not know when I would return, or how Surinam would evolve under its new regime.

Sadly, the military's hopeful enthusiasm soon changed to a thirst for power and paranoia of opposition. The Chinese doctor left the country as did many of my friends. Two years ago, just before Christmas, fifteen prominent citizens who had voiced opposing views were murdered. Fort Zeelandia which for many years had housed the Surinam Museum was turned back into a fort. Last year Chin a Foeng, the country's most accomplished artist, died at thirty-nine of a heart attack. Dobru, a fine young poet, died within a few months of cancer.

This year will see Surinam's tenth anniversary of independence, another "biggi verjari." I daydream about going to the party, but right now it doesn't seem likely. Still we keep in touch, Surinam and I. Even *The New York Times* supplies me with an occasional paragraph or two.

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— Dobru

#### one

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so many leaves  
one tree  
one river  
so many creeks  
all of them go to one sea  
one head  
so many thoughts  
thoughts a good man must have  
one God  
— Dobru (translation L. Locketz)

In addition to her photography, Leslie Locketz has been working as a teacher of English, reading, and writing to adults. Recently she was named a Fellow in the Partners of the Americas Fellowship in International Development, a training program funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. During the next two years she will attend five one-week leadership training seminars, along with nineteen other North Americans and twenty Latin Americans, and produce a project for the Rochester-Antigua partnership. Photographing the seminars will be one of her particular responsibilities.

Ms. Locketz has an MFA in Photography from SUNY-Buffalo and New York State Certification in Adult Education.



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# EVENTS IN THE ARTS

## New Books

**Jean Ackermann '41.** Her play, *A Pride of Heroes*, a one-act candid celebration of historic women, was one of 34 chosen from throughout the country for performance at the Second National Festival of Women's Theatre, Santa Cruz, California, October 4-14. *Pride* was also produced for National Women's History Week in Monterey in March 1984. Playbooks and production packages are available from Box 414, Pacific Grove, CA 93950, at \$5 per playbook, plus \$1 handling, or \$25 plus \$2 for production package of eight scripts.

**Elizabeth Beardsley Butler '05 (1884-1911),** *Women and the Trades, Pittsburgh, 1907-1908*, U of Pittsburgh Press, 1984, \$14.95.

A paperback reprint of a classic that was originally published in 1909, this book was part of the Pittsburgh Survey, a six-volume comprehensive study of labor in that industrial city in the early 20th century. Includes many photographs by Lewis Hine.

**K.C. (Karen) Cole '68,** *Sympathetic Vibrations: Reflections on Physics as a Way of Life*, Wm. Morrow & Co., 1985, \$16.95.

Written by a columnist for *Discover* magazine, this eye-opening book encourages us all to see the role physical principles play in our lives. A Science Book-of-the-Month Club dual selection.

**Madeleine Perner Cosman '59,** *Kissing the Dragon: The Intelligent Work-Hunter's Guide*, Bard Hall Press, 1984, \$9.99.

Largely aimed at PhDs who are unemployed or underemployed, the formulas in this whimsically illustrated book help job-seekers identify strengths and talents not necessarily in their academic field, and recognize combinations with their degrees to create satisfying careers.

**Madeleine Perner Cosman '59,** *The Medieval Baker's Daughter: A Bi-Lingual Adventure in Medieval Life with Costumes, Banners, Music, Food, and a Mystery Play*, Bard Hall Press, 1984.

Inspired by the fact that 80% of the children in the upper Manhattan neighborhood of the Cloisters museum speak Spanish as a first language, the author set out to make the daily experiences of medieval life accessible to them and others interested in that period. Dr. Cosman, founder and director of the Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at City College in New York, presents the adventures of 12-year-old Johanna Baxter, set in the year 1412 and complete with recipes and patterns for banners and clothing.

**Joan M. Ferrante '58,** *The Political Vision of the Divine Comedy*, Princeton U Press, 1984, \$35.

Public issues played a very large role in the *Divine Comedy*, as is shown through this examination of the political history of the period and how it was portrayed in the poem. The author is Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia.

**Doris (Platzker) Friedensohn '58** and Barbara Rubin, *Generations of Women: In Search of Female Forebears*, Jersey City State College Women's Studies Program, 1984.

In a project begun in 1980, the authors had their women's studies students bring in old photographs of their mothers and grandmothers, in order to emphasize the immediacy of women's history. The photographs, many of which appear in this book, were assembled into an exhibit which was shown in the US and overseas. Eventually the project expanded to include oral history as well, as the students recorded interviews with their female relatives. This inspiring book is dedicated to *Annette Kar Baxter '47*.

**Eleanor (Levy) Furman '33,** *Retirement: You're In Charge*, Praeger Publishers, 1984, \$24.95.

"Anticipation and Expectation," "Euphoria," "Settling In," "The Low Period": the stages of retirement are traced through the author's letters to her daughter. In the second section, interviews with retired people illustrate the wide range of opinions and options, and underline the author's view that retirement needs to be molded to fit personal goals and lifestyles.

**Lois (Prager) Gilman '70,** *The Adoption Resource Book: A Comprehensive Guide to All the Things You Need to Know and Ought to Know About Creating an Adoptive Family*, Harper & Row, 1984, \$16.95/ \$7.95.

The adoption process extends far beyond the signing of the papers, and the author covers the entire procedure from first-hand experience as an adoptive parent. Domestic and intercountry adoption are discussed, as are the relative advantages of agency vs. independent adoption.

**Virginia (Potter) Held '50,** *Rights and Goods: Justifying Social Action*, The Free Press, 1984, \$22.95.

The moral chasm between the abstract theories of traditional philosophers and the ethical decisions required in daily life is the focus of this strongly written book. According to the author, moral freedom is incomplete without the basic economic means to live a decent life; the right to free expression needs to include equal access to the media, not just freedom from censorship.

**Martha (Williamson) Huntley '63,** *Caring, Growing, Changing: A History of the Protestant Mission in Korea*, Friendship Press, 1984, \$8.95.

In 1884, the foreign missions boards of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches sent a handful of people to Korea to set up a Protestant mission. The author, a missionary who has lived and worked in Korea for the past twenty years, traces the early history of the pioneers who sought to establish a Protestant church, teach, and provide medical aid.

**Erica (Mann) Jong '63,** *Megan's Book of Divorce: A Kid's Book for Adults as Told to Erica Jong*, New American Library, 1984, \$10.50.

This book is "for all kids who have two houses and for all the adults they take care of." Four-year-old Megan takes care of her parents and their new friends, and has two houses, two toy chests and two dogs. The humor in the text and the delightful illustrations do not detract from the seriousness of the difficult situation.

**Erica (Mann) Jong '63,** *Parachutes & Kisses*, New American Library, 1984, \$16.95.

Isadora Wing is back again, three marriages, two divorces and one daughter later. Happily keeping pace with the eighties, Isadora is at once trying unsuccessfully to lure her (third) husband back and engaging in her frolicking, random romances.

**Norma Klein '60,** *Lovers*, Viking, 1984, \$16.95.

Following two couples from the sixties to the eighties, the author chronicles their affairs in an entertaining, realistic style. Extremely readable.

**Norma Klein '60,** *Snapshots*, Dial Books for Young Readers, 1984, \$12.95.

An innocent interest in photography pulls thirteen-year-olds Marc and Sean into the middle of an investigation of pornography, making them long for the simpler days of pizza, video games and Hebrew lessons.



**Bettina (Liebowitz) Knapp '47**, *A Jungian Approach to Literature*, Southern Illinois U Press, 1984, \$27.95.

Choosing authors as diverse as Euripides, Montaigne and Yeats, Professor Knapp analyzes each in terms of Jungian psychology, removing them from the realm of individual experience and, by extracting archetypal images, elevates them to universal experience.

**Elizabeth Langland '70**, *Society in the Novel*, The U of North Carolina Press, 1984, \$24.

Discussing works by Austen, Dickens, Dreiser and Faulkner, among others, the author analyzes the "difference between the world that novelists create and the worlds in which they live." Well organized and insightful.

**Barbara Stoler Miller '62**, editor, *Theater of Memory: The Plays of Kālidāsa*, Columbia U Press, 1984, \$35/\$14.

New translations of the three extant plays of Kalidasa, the master-poet of classical Sanskrit, are introduced by analytical essays which address the themes of love and duty, and the use of dialog, poetry, and elaborate plots to portray life in India in the fourth and fifth centuries.

**Doris (Adelberg) Orgel '50**, *Risking Love*, Dial Books for Young Readers, 1985, \$12.95.

From the first pages set in Chock Full o' Nuts on Broadway and 116th Street, we follow along with Dinah as she learns to deal with her parents' divorce, her first year of college, and her love for Gray, the tall guy who sits in the front of her poetry class. A warm realistic book.

**Belva (Offenberg) Plain '37**, *Crescent City*, Delacorte Press, 1984, \$16.95.

With New Orleans during the Civil War for her setting, master storyteller Belva Plain weaves her fourth bestselling saga, tracing the history of a Jewish family in the South. A Literary Guild main selection, *Crescent City* follows in the fine tradition of Mrs. Plain's other novels, including *Evergreen*, which was filmed for television and is scheduled to be broadcast in early 1985.

**Catherine (McLarney) Rae '35**, *Edith Wharton's New York Quartet*, University of America Press, 1984, \$7.50.

In this first full-length study of the four novellas published in 1924, the author discusses the importance of Edith Wharton's role as a social historian and how she subtly conveys the fashions of city life between 1840 and 1890.

**Helen Faye (Davis) Rosenblum '62**, *Descending Order*, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1984, \$14.95.

As the Nicholsons move into a small midwestern town, each one tries to carve a niche in society—Selena, the widow, thirteen-year-old Olivia, and her brother Sylvan. Set in the early 1900s, this book follows the author's highly-acclaimed first novel, *Minerva's Turn*.

Michael D. Bordo and **Anna (Jacobson) Schwartz '34**, editors, *A Retrospective on the Classical Gold Standard, 1821-1931*, The U of Chicago Press, 1984, \$65.

Based on papers presented at a conference in March 1982, this volume traces the gold standard from historical and international perspectives, and presents varying opinions on whether restoring it would help battle inflation and other current economic problems.

**Wendy Slatkin '70**, *Women Artists in History: From Antiquity to the 20th Century*, Prentice-Hall, 1985, \$11.95.

Intended as a supplemental text for introductory level art history courses, this book helps fill the void found in most survey textbooks. Women painters, sculptors and photographers are included, and the author introduces each period of art history with a discussion of factors that influenced the artists.

**Tobi (Bernstein) Tobias '59**, translator from Danish of *Tobias Catches Trout*, *Tobias Goes Ice Fishing*, *Tobias Goes Seal Hunting*, and *Tobias Has a Birthday*, written and illustrated by Ole Hertz, Carolrhoda Books, 1984, \$7.95 each.

The adventures of a little boy who lives in Greenland, written by a cultural anthropologist.

**Marget (Fahey) Wallace '71** and Patsy Pattison, *Seattle Expectations: A Reference Guide for Expectant Parents in the Seattle/King County Area*, Mercer Island Preschool Assn., 1984, \$7.

This book provides valuable information to anyone planning to give birth in the Seattle area. Guidelines for choosing a health caretaker and birthing facility are discussed, and the answers to a survey the authors sent out highlight the differences among available options. Topics of other chapters include childbirth education, insurance, community resources and adoption.

## Exhibitions

**Grace (Aaronson) Goldin '37**: Historic Hospitals of Europe, 1200-1981," photographs and text, at the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, through April. "It's a wonderful field, history of hospitals," she notes. "So uncluttered." She is co-author of *The Hospital: A Social and Architectural History* (New Haven, 1975).

**Yvonne Kerno '83**: her engraving, "*Moment of Decision*" was included in an exhibit of contemporary works at the Salon D'Automne of the Grand Palais in Paris in December.

**Marguerite Mair Kisseloff '52** was one of seven artists whose work was shown at the Jamaica (NY) Arts Center Co-op Gallery's Second Annual Group Show this winter.

Recent paintings by **Barbara (Fogel) Levine '62** were shown during October at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Marble landscapes by **Barbara (Glaser) Sahlman '53** were exhibited at the Lyman Allyn Museum, New London, CT, during December.

**Jane (Simon) Teller '33** took part in the 1984/1985 Women Artists Series at Douglass College of Rutgers University during October and November.

**Wendy White '81** and five other artists exhibited their works at the Kraine Club Gallery, NYC, in December.

## Performances

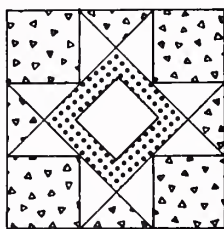
**Janet Burroway '58** read her story "Winn Dixie" at the Longboat Key Writers' Conference in Florida last August. A recording of the live reading was aired by National Public Radio in November as part of the "New Letters on the Air" program which is produced by the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

**Judy Polan '70** has released her first album, an acoustic blend of original, folk and theatrical music entitled "Judy, Judy, Judy." The album is available by mail order for \$9.50 from Ruby Slippers Records, 6 Franklin Ct., Northampton, MA 01060.

**Sharon Schindler '75** wrote the screenplay for the film "Anxious Objects" which premiered at the Cork Film Festival, Ireland, in October.

Soprano **Janet Sullivan '66** presented concerts at the Warren Street Performance Loft and Saint Michael's Hall (both in NYC) in November and December. The program, entitled "Janet Sullivan Sings the Art Song," included troubadour songs and music by Gershwin and Ellington.

# NOTES FROM THE WOMEN'S CENTER



Plans for the 1985 Scholar and Feminist Conference, "Women in Culture and Politics," to be held on Saturday, March 30, are well underway, and registration forms can be obtained by writing to the Barnard Women's Center. The conference will focus on the many aspects of politics and culture in which women participate, and will attempt to explain how power is allocated, how decisions are made, how literary and religious canons get established, and how arguments proceed. Aspects of the 1984 campaign in which Geraldine Ferraro ran for Vice President and thousands of women carried on voter registration campaigns will be considered in several workshops.

The relationship between tradition and innovation may emerge as a central theme. This will include investigations about women's use of folk art, folk music and folktales as exemplified by the use of songs by the women of Greenham Common and the depiction of social conditions by the women of Chile in burlap tapestries called *arpilleras*. By examining how women honor commitments to the past while forging new modes, it will be possible to gain insights into the creative process. Inevitably this will invite discussion of the relationships between form and content in the visual arts, film, and literature. It should also help participants assess questions about political institutions and how women can be more effective in them.

Another major theme will certainly be how women's culture varies historically and by ethnic and national groups. In certain historical periods, politics takes place in cultural realms around art and ideas. Conflicts between artistic freedom and communal need sometimes emerge. Historical focus on specific racial and national groups may illuminate universals in female cultural behavior, if they exist, and show the political limits of female culture. Finally, the conference should elaborate on distinctions between high and popular culture and highlight the relationship of gender, race, and nationality to both.

People outside the scholarly world may not know that there is a growing controversy between cultural feminists, who believe that women have a different set of priorities from men, and that, if the women are left alone or permitted to speak, society will change, and those with more political agendas. The latter

have a variety of institutional concerns that run from hopes that women can be effective within traditional political organizations to the belief that they can craft new forms, confederations of the kind of localist, culturally centered neighborhood networks, peace movements, and parents' groups in which large numbers of women congregate. Workshops will deal with the problem from a variety of perspectives.

The spring calendar of the Women's Center has showcased issues that will emerge again at the conference. The initial Women's Issues Luncheon with Professor Frances Fox Piven, co-founder of the Human Serve Campaign, focused on the gender gap in light of the November elections. In addition to the series in women's history which Barnard Professor Rosalind Rosenberg launched this season with her lecture on "The History of Coeducation in America," there were presentations by actress-writer Vinie Burrows on how to do independent theater and by Alecia McKensey on women's politics and popular culture in the Caribbean. Next on the schedule is linguist Ellen Prince on the oral history of women and Yiddish music.

The conference itself will be preceded by a film festival of movies that may be discussed in workshops or that illustrate some of the main questions the conference will be considering. They will screen on March 26, 27, and 28. On the evenings of March 29 and 30, encapsulating the conference, Vinie Burrows will perform her one woman show, "Sister! Sister!" drawn from women's activities in South Africa, Ireland, Italy, and the United States. Tickets will be free to conference registrants who call or write the Minor Latham Theater for reservations in advance.

In addition to two concurrent sets of workshops, the conference program will include a performance by the Gospel Choir from LaGuardia High School (formerly the High Schools of Music & Art and Performing Arts). There will also be a set of three slide presentations, called *Militant Needles*, about slave quilts in the antebellum South, Chilean tapestries today, and the quilt as metaphor for American women's literature. The session will not merely celebrate women's culture, however; it will also examine how women bear witness to political changes and, in the process, grow in political awareness. The plenary that will follow will consider how this consciousness can be developed into traditional and new political institutions.

*Temma Kaplan*  
Director

## INTERNSHIPS WANTED

Barnard students get valuable experience in the "real world" through internships—and their sponsors, in a variety of fields, benefit from their fresh, intelligent approach to problems and projects. Last year, interns prepared guides to court procedures for a public interest law firm, assisted an account executive at a major advertising agency, worked in a project in security research and portfolio management for an investment bank, performed laboratory procedures and experiments in eye research, did legislative case work for the U.S. Department of Commerce, did research for an exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, translated for Israeli "Sesame Street," wrote scripts for an international news service, and worked as production assistant on a film.

Most sponsors continue to offer internships year after year, but there is always a need for more, especially during the summer or the January intersession period. These can be located in the New York area, in Washington, D.C., or in the students' home communities, and can be full or part-time, paid or not. A number of students are also interested in internships that run through the academic year; these must be part-time and within reasonable distance of the campus.

If you would like to sponsor a Barnard intern or learn more about the program, call Jane Celwyn at the Office of Career Services, 212-280-2033.





Julie Michaels

# Shop at the STUDENT STORE

The nonprofit Student Store is located in McIntosh Center, Upper Level, and is open during midday hours during the academic year only. Alumnae who are visiting the campus are invited to stop by the store; others may purchase "Barnard" items by mail, using the form below. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

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- POLO SHIRTS**—*Barnard College* lettering on left chest. Colors: white, red, purple. Sizes: S, M, L, XL. **\$10.00 ea.**
- Metal key chain, gold tone, *Barnard* lettering. **\$1.00 ea.**
- Key tag, Athena logo. **\$.75 ea.**
- "It's Better at Barnard" buttons, 2 1/4", **\$.50 ea.**
- Canvas tote bag, *Barnard* lettering in blue on white. **\$7.00 ea.**
- Black Bic stick pen, "BARNARD." **\$.30 ea.**
- Pencils, "Barnard College 1889" **\$.15 ea.**
- Markers, "Barnard College." Colors: blue, red, black. **\$.75 ea.**
- Decal for car windows, "BARNARD" **\$.75 ea.**
- Leather bookmarks, "Barnard." Color: wine. **\$2.25 ea.**
- Notecards with cover illustration of Milbank Hall. **\$.75 ea.**

Clear glass tall mugs and ivory glass coffee mugs with the Athena logo can be purchased at the store but are not available by mail.

# IN MEMORIAM

## SAMUEL R. MILBANK

*"Businessman, philanthropist,  
civic servant . . . guardian  
of Barnard's traditions . . ."*



These are the words of the citation presented to Samuel Robbins Milbank when he received Barnard's Medal of Distinction in 1978. Sam Milbank died on January 3, and members of the Barnard community recall the many aspects of the man and his contributions to this College.

He was a member of the Barnard Board of Trustees from 1950 to 1979 and served as its chairman from 1956 to 1967. Millicent McIntosh, Barnard's president when he took over the chairmanship, remembers that time well:

"Under Helen Reid's dynamic leadership, Barnard had emerged triumphant from its post-war financial crisis, and had raised the first of its new endowment funds. It was Sam's assignment to calm down a somewhat tumultuous Board and get them to work to build a larger post-war college. He was ideally suited by personality and experience to accomplish these objectives. The trustees worked hard and happily under his quiet and firm leadership. And to the president he gave support and friendship which made difficult assignments possible."

Barnard's current president, Ellen V. Futter '71, describes her own recollection of Sam, "first from my days as a student trustee when he welcomed me warmly and was encouraging of my efforts to present student views. Over the years, I grew to know him better and came to appreciate his gentle, wise manner, but most of all what I remember now, and always, is the delightful twinkle in his eye that bespoke a man of not only dignity and grace but quiet humor.

"He made an enormous contribution to our community, in leadership, in judgment, and in generous support of our enterprise. We shall always be appreciative, and we shall always re-

member him."

Mr. Milbank's work with Barnard continued a family association that began in 1897 when Milbank Hall was built following receipt of a gift from a cousin, Elizabeth Milbank Anderson.

A partner of Wood, Struthers & Winthrop, investment bankers, for over 35 years, he was a director of a number of corporations and a founding trustee of the College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF). Other organizations with which he was associated included Kirkland College, the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Peru, and the International Center of Photography. He was a trustee of the Community Service Society from 1939 to 1971 and served the New York State Charities Aid Society as trustee (1936-71) and president (1949-59). An avid coin collector, he was for many years president of the American Numismatic Society.

He also served as Chairman of the Milbank Memorial Fund, a family foundation that supports research in teaching, nutrition, mental health, medical training, and the delivery of health services. Through the fund he secured for Barnard the gift of the Samuel R. Milbank Chair in Health and Society, which is held by Associate Professor Nicholas Rango, MD. The Health and Society Program deals with contemporary issues and problems in health care from the perspective of both bio-medical and social science. In addition, the annual Milbank Lecture has brought to the campus such eminent speakers as Drs. Rene Dubos, Lewis Thomas, Michael DeBakey and Bruno Bettelheim.

Professor Rango remembers Sam Milbank as "an explorer" who spoke one evening about

his travels to remote parts of Latin America. "The most wonderful thing about traveling," he said, "is that you never know what you will learn from people with whom you have very little in common. If you let them do most of the talking, you will discover something about the world that you never imagined."

Professor Rango adds, "The same sense of curiosity and imagination characterized Mr. Milbank's approach to formal education. He believed strongly in a liberal arts tradition that remained open to curricular innovation. Disciplinary boundaries in academic life mattered less to him than the quality of the ideas and the quality of the instruction. I was privileged by his visiting my classroom on several occasions. Following one such visit, he observed: 'The golden opportunity is to challenge young people with ideas at a time in their lives when they enjoy looking at all sides of the question. By the time they move on to medical school or a professional career, it's more difficult to reach them because of all of the pressures of training or building a career. Let's give them the ammunition now that they will need to keep an open mind.'

"Mr. Milbank practiced what he preached. His assistance allowed us to build the Health and Society Program, and he was personally involved in shaping its intellectual contours. Yet he never offered advice without conveying at the same time an endearing sense of encouragement, good humor, and graciousness. Mr. Milbank will be well remembered. But he will also be sorely missed."



# IN MEMORIAM

**Genevieve Kelly O'Brien Hoban '30**, who died at her home last summer, was known to the people of Scranton, Pennsylvania, as a woman who made things happen. Following the lead of her cousins, **Louise Kelly Horan '15** and **Marian Kelly McCormick '16**, Boody—as she was called—studied at Barnard, returning home after graduation where she taught in the Scranton public schools.

When war was declared, she left teaching to enlist in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, serving overseas in the India-Burma Theater, Japan (where she assisted in the writing of the history of the Occupation), and China. Entering the Corps in the early months of its forma-

tion, she rose rapidly and attained the rank of major in the Air Corps.

Retiring from the military in 1950, Boody returned to Scranton to marry T. Linus Hoban, president judge of Lackawanna County and brigadier general, Pennsylvania National Guard. She turned her energies to volunteer work, achieving local fame as a fundraiser: "...if you submit so much as a dime for postage..." She was instrumental in forming the Lackawanna Association of Lawyers' Wives, serving as its president; in 1960 she was elected the first president of the Pennsylvania Association of Lawyers' Wives.

Honoring their civic endeavors, the late

Cardinal Spellman invested Judge and Mrs. Hoban as knight and lady of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

Boody will be missed in her community.

*Ellen Kelly '51*

## TO HONOR MARION PHILIPS

There have been inquiries about the fund being established in memory of Marion Philips, a member of the Barnard Physical Education faculty from 1945 until her death last spring. At the request of her family, contributions in her honor are to be used for financial aid. Gifts should be sent to the Barnard Fund, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY 10027, and should be marked with her name.

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the Summer issue of *Barnard Alumnae*.

Assistant Professor Andre Burgstaller, of the Economics Department, was also granted leave for the fall semester for work on essays in the classical theory of international trade.

Anne Boyman, Assistant Professor of French, received a grant for research and preparation for a new course in French and Women's Studies, "Feminism and the Theory of Modernism." The course was offered in the Fall '84 semester. Another new course, "Women and Poetry: Inscribing the Feminine," was the outcome of a research project of Assistant Professor Celeste Schenck.

One of the "minigrant awards" of 1984 permitted Assistant Professor Molly Nesbit to spend the summer refining a study of "The Common Language for the Modernist Picture in France 1880-1930." The finished work will be a critical and social history of art, defining and analyzing the relationship between the new drawing curriculum instituted in French public schools in the 1880s and the new pictorial culture in turn-of-the-century France.

Christina Williams, Assistant Professor of Psychology, also received a minigrant to cover the cost of supplies and skilled assistance in her research on "The Development of Neuroendocrine Control of Behavior." Her initial findings in this area were considered "quite provocative, since they suggest a reinterpretation of current theories of sexual differentiation of brain and behavior."

It is not unusual for an undergraduate institution to invest its financial resources in faculty development. A common fallacy about academe, Dean Olton noted, is that "good researchers are bad teachers and vice versa." In fact, he believes, "a college can't afford to have a faculty which is one but not the other. They are absolutely interdependent. Good teaching derives from good research; it keeps it intellectually alive, so that there is an 'electric' feeling in the classroom.

"There is a difference between small colleges and big universities," he continued, "but it's not the difference between research and teaching. The college faculty tends to become interdisciplinary in its work because it is dealing with highly-charged, intelligent students who bring questions from all their other subjects to each course. Undergraduates are the most intellectualized of all students, always making connections among the new concepts they are learning. Faculty who work in the undergraduate setting are always being moved intellectually to the outside of their disciplines, to areas which are related to all the other subjects in a liberal arts curriculum.

"While this is exciting, it makes it difficult for faculty members to focus on mainstream research. The way to help them is to buy their time... If the research is successful, the result is twofold—they publish their books, and they are better teachers. So support of research is also support of good teaching."

## Post-Script from the Office for Disabled Students

In the Fall '84 issue of the *Barnard Alumnae Magazine*, reference was made to our Access to Equity project, in which we are developing a resource manual for disabled college women. The manual will offer strategies to help equalize educational opportunities for a population which is often overlooked.

During the first six months of the project, we developed a model curriculum on self-defense for disabled women and offered a self-defense course for disabled women in the Barnard community, ran workshops on self defense for disabled students at NYU, sponsored the first workshop in the northeast to train self-defense instructors for working with disabled women students, and collected information and developed workshops on sexuality and disabled college women.

Future projects include the development of a curriculum on assertiveness training and information packets on employment and law.

Access to Equity is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Women's Educational Equity Act, and is appropriately placed at an institution such as Barnard with its history of pioneering research in women's concerns.

## ALUMNAE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

to serve as readers, tutors, and typists for disabled students. If you are interested, please call the Office for Disabled Students, 280-4634/8466.

## LETTERS

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### Across the Border from Ein el-Hilwe

To the Editor:

I was moved by Leila Richards's letter from Lebanon and am truly pleased that a fellow alumna is doing such important humanitarian work in the Ein el-Hilwe refugee camp. I would, however, like to make some comments, since Ein el-Hilwe has been an ongoing part of my family's life for the past several years.

In 1969, the year Leila graduated from Barnard, my husband and I moved to Haifa, Israel, with our two sons who were then 11 and 13. We came with a background of active commitment to the improvement of Arab-Jewish relations, which we felt could be better accomplished through living in Israel, and for the first few years we spent time and energy working within whatever framework we found available.

However, over the years we have encountered again and again the harsh reality that terrorist attacks (one of which had a long term impact on our younger son's hearing) were the response to every compromise or negotiation offer made to the Palestinians. Teaching in the Haifa University School of Social Work, I have had ample evidence of the fear and anxiety constantly experienced by children and families living along the northern border during the years prior to 1982. Is there a nation in the world that can allow its civilians to be subject to such attacks without reaction?

### Are you interested in attending a benefit for the Barnard Thrift Shop?

A subscription event will be held this year at Sotheby's on April 30 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Ruth Gordon and Garson Kanin will be presented with the Arts in the City Award.

Tickets are \$75 each (\$40 for graduates of 1979-84). A \$300 contribution of quality thrift given between February 1 and April 30 will also be accepted.

Please return the coupon below to Office of Special Events, Milbank 115, 3009 Broadway, New York, New York 10027-6598, if you would like an invitation mailed to you.

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When the decision was made to invade Lebanon, our older son was one of the soldiers who entered with the first troops into Ein el-Hilwe. He is married and has three children, but he was mobilized into the reserves as were most of the men in our citizen army. He speaks Arabic fluently, and has thought a great deal about the plight of those Palestinian refugees who have, for almost 40 years, not found a home or a country which welcomes them and allows them to become citizens. Although some of his friends lost their lives to the bullets of snipers hiding among civilians, he continued to endanger his life time after time by going into the streets ahead of the troops to warn the civilians so that they could leave quietly. Shots were only fired in response to shots.

Now, two and a half years later, our northern settlements have been quiet, but 600 Israeli soldiers have been killed and thousands wounded. Our son and all the other combat troops have been called up any number of times to serve in Lebanon, and the troops are more guarded. Israel has announced consistently its desire to withdraw if the towns of the north are adequately protected. The Palestinians of Ein el-Hilwe do not appear to be willing to take the steps necessary so that both sides can negotiate. They have paid such a terrible price all these years, as have we in Israel. Is it not time for the families of Ein el-Hilwe to acknowledge that 1948 will not return. I am moved by the Moslem who is studying Hebrew in order to understand Israelis better. Here in Israel we have many Jews who are studying Arabic in order to understand the Palestinians better. Maybe, if there are enough of us on both sides, things can begin to change.

Anita Herzog Weiner '56, MSW, PhD  
Haifa, Israel

### We All Have Much To Learn

To the Editor:

Just reviewing your Summer 1984 issue, with so much of interest about our rapidly changing times, plus the invitation to "Be a Student Again—Come Back to Barnard."

I went back for 64 hours of graduate work in Arizona in an era when it was *against the law* there to give tenure to a woman teacher after age 35, after 40 for a man...

Here in California we recently had an all-day symposium, "Beyond War." When we think of our young people today, we wonder, "Will they have a future?"

Irene Fontaine-Won '23  
Pittsburg, CA

### The Wrong Approach

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that such an ironically inappropriate title was chosen for the sensitively written article on disabled students. "Enabling

the Disabled," while catchy, is condescending and patronizing.

Terry Snofsky '81  
Brooklyn, NY

### A Writer's Search

To the Editor:

For a biography of Annie Nathan Meyer, a founder of Barnard College and long-time trustee, I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew her and has letters or reminiscences to share with me.

Thank you for your help.

Lynn D. Gordon '68  
Rochester, NY

Replies to Ms. Gordon's request can be sent to her c/o the Office of Alumnae Affairs.

### A Red Ribbon Performance

To the Editor:

In the Summer 1983 issue, you published the recipe for an "official" Barnard fudge. I tried it, and thought it was simple to make and very tasty. I entered it in the 1984 New Mexico State Fair, and it took second place!

Thank you so much—it was certainly fun getting us a ribbon at the State Fair.

Betsy Nichols '72  
Placitas, NM

*Ed.'s note:* The thanks really belong to Claire Kedeshian '86, who created "Barnard Fudge." She makes it every year for the College's Spring Festival, where it is "very popular." In case others want to try this prize-winning recipe, we repeat it below.

#### BARNARD FUDGE

8 marshmallows, quartered  
½ cup chopped nuts  
½ lb. sweet milk chocolate chunks (Hershey bars), chopped in small pieces  
2 cups sugar  
2 Tbs. butter  
1 sm. can unsweetened evaporated milk  
1 pkg. chocolate chips  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 tsp. instant coffee

Combine sugar, milk, and butter in heavy saucepan. Bring to rolling boil and boil for 5 min. Stir constantly. Remove from stove and add remaining ingredients. Stir until melted. Pour mixture into a buttered 8-inch-square pan. Let cool for 8-12 hours. Cut into squares. Yield: about 2 lbs.

### About Our Fall Cover

It wasn't our intention to present anonymous faces on the cover of our Fall issue—we simply didn't know who they were in time to get their names in print. They are *Alison Craiglow '88* and her mother, Elizabeth Holland. Alison came to Barnard from Albany, NY.



# CLASS NOTES

**12** *Lucile Mordecai Lebar*  
180 West 58th Street  
New York, NY 10019

**13** *Mary Voyse*  
545 Asharoken Avenue  
Northport, NY 11768

**14** *Edith Mulhall Achilles*  
570 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

**15** *Alumnae Office*

We were saddened by a note from *Agnes MacDonald '23*, sister of *Helen MacDonald Kuzmier*, which told of the death on September 13 of Helen's husband, George P. Kuzmier. A 1911 graduate of Columbia, he worked as a civil engineer for the State of New York, and was a charter member of American Legion Post 360.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Helen.

**17** *Elizabeth Man Sarcka*  
51-01 39th Avenue, W26  
Long Island City, NY 11104

*Beatrice Lowndes Earle's* big news is that she appeared on national TV on the Sunday morning program "Face the Nation" in support of the Mondale-Ferraro campaign. Her daughter, Rosamond, just back from six weeks in Europe, is a successful fundraiser for Smith College and now also for Planned Parenthood. They live close and mean much to each other.

*Margaret Lennon* sends greetings from the big, old family home in Hastings-on-Hudson where she and her sister *Florence* (Barnard '18) care for the place together and do much reading.

*Elsa Becker Corbitt* enjoys life on a farm in Brainard, NY, where she lives with her son and granddaughter.

*Elizabeth Man Sarcka* used her 91st birthday party as a fund-raiser for the Nuclear Freeze Corps, and raised over \$600.

We are sad to learn of the sudden death of *Cora Morris Ehrencloou*, 92 years old, a much beloved and admired classmate. She was one of five from 1917 to be admitted to P&S—the first women accepted there. She went on to Cornell Medical School and graduated as a psychiatrist. She worked at Bellevue Hospital until 1929, when she withdrew after the birth of the second of her four children. She continued to be an active volunteer on the Spence-Chapin Adoption Society Board, and taught at All Souls Unitarian Church. After her husband's death in 1965, she moved to Camden, SC. In Camden, she continued to practice psychiatry informally, visiting long-term patients at the hospital and helping everywhere. Her daughter, Jessie Brown, reports that everybody loved her. She had 16 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was entirely well until she became suddenly ill while visiting her daughter in Massachusetts. She died after a week in hospital with many members of the family gathered around her. Our deepest sympathy goes to them all, and especially to her sons, Alfred and John, and to her daughters, Jessie Brown and Alice Tool.

**18** *Alumnae Office*

*Frances Haynes*, who lives in Darien, Georgia, attended a gathering of Barnard alumnae in her area in October. She told *Wendy Reilly '63*, who arranged the affair, that "Reading a review of George Kennan's latest book, *The Fateful Alliance*, recalled Dr. Shotwell's wonderful course... and the other outstanding professors of my day: Robinson, Crampton, Beard, Jacoby, Mussey, Giddings, Hutchins, Minor Latham, Emily Putnam, and others."

*Florence Barber Swikart* wrote from her home in Charlotte, NC: "Upon learning of the death of her father, I wrote to *Jean Abel Cramer '47* and learned that she, her sister, and her brother all practiced medicine in Elizabeth, NJ, as did her mother, Alice Gibb, and her father. Other members of the class of 1947 include Jean's sister Alice, our daughter *Helen Swikart Pond*, and *June Felton Kapp*, daughter of *Sophia Schulman Felton*. What a family and what a class!"

**20** *Granville M. Snyder*  
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Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

**21** *Helen Jones Griffin*  
3030 Park Ave., Suite 6N8  
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**22** *Agnes Bennet Murphy*  
40 Riverside Avenue  
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Changes, changes, some happy and some strange. Did you read of the formation of Alpha Phi Sorority for women of Columbia College and Engineering School and Barnard College? Forty have been initiated, half from Barnard and half from the Columbia schools.

We need to have some replacements in class officers. Last June, when *Louise Schlichting* died, I became class president; *Muriel Kornfeld Hollander* is treasurer; the secretary is *Dorothy Berry Davidson*. Now *Eva Hutchison Dirkes* is the chairman of a nominating committee; we will hear her report later.

A small group of Barnard '22 met at Barnard on November 14th to sign the Fund letters. The committee includes *Muriel Kornfeld Hollander*, *Helen Mack*, *Agnes Bennet Murphy* and *Helen Dayton Streuli*. When you read this you will have received the letter.

*Helen Streuli* is home again from a trip to Switzerland where she saw people she wanted to see and had a good trip.

*Dorothy Davidson* did take that trip to Seattle; she is glad she did it although the return trip was rough. She traveled with one of her stepdaughters who visited with her afterwards.

The holiday greetings that have been sent out for many years may be omitted this year. Let us know if you miss those greetings; maybe next year they will come again. Do let me hear from you and tell of your doings.

I love to quote my neighbor's daughter who told me, "Barnard is an incredibly good college."

Barnard people do turn up. A conducted tour of Navesink House reached our apartment and there was *Viola Wichern Shedd '33*, whom I met at a Barnard luncheon when I first came to Red Bank. Then a voice said, "Barnard? My daughter is a junior there now."

On November first I went in to Barnard for the dinner opening the annual session of Barnard Alumnae Council. Among two hundred or so attending, a few representatives were there from the twenties, interesting and friendly people, of course. On display in McIntosh Hall was a chariot once used in Greek Games. There the reception was held before we went below for dinner. The first speaker was Elise Alberts Pustilnik, president of the Associate Alumnae of Barnard College. Then President Ellen Futter spoke, urging Barnard women to seize any opportunity to be a part of government, to dare to push out to sea rather than hug the shore. Do not feel helpless, she said, to meet stress and to understand. Urge the young to become involved. Look upon your public life as a crown of achievement. Our young are able; women need confidence; they do not need to ape men.

**23** *Charlotte MacNamara Guedalia*  
816 Seneca Road  
Great Falls, VA 22066

Ten of our classmates had a very enjoyable get-together at *Ruth Prince Mack's* home at a tea last October. Ruth has been writing on "Behavioral Economics." One article's title is "Elective Decisions to move to New York!"

*Elinor Rice Hays* told of her recent trip to Scandinavia and Leningrad. *Ruth Lustbader Israel*, her daughter, and her husband rented an apartment in Paris for a month. There they saw everything. Went to England finally to rest up. Harry, the son-in-law, will teach American literature this spring at a Netherlands university.

*Estella Raphael Steiner* wishes that she were physically able to travel, but she does it vicariously through the National Geographic programs, the Smithsonian Magazine and TV Channel 13!

*Nancy Boyd Willey* lives in Tarpon Springs, Florida, during the winter. She is still working on her mother's letters, sent to her during the Depression, when her mother was painting small pictures to make a living. *Winifred Dunbrack*, our Fund Chairman, hopes our class will have a healthy response to Barnard's Fund Drive.

*Nagla Laf Loofy Hafely*, who now lives in Naples, Florida, says she still plays at golf and putters in her garden. She's very active in church affairs and is in charge of the plant table for the X-mas bazaar. *Agnes MacDonald* mentioned that *Agnes Purdy Faile* is happy that her granddaughter is transferring to Barnard next year. *Eleanor Marples* also wants to be remembered to all. *Jessie Beers Galloway* is now living in Florida. Don't you miss Shelter Island, Jessie?

Our *Filomena Ricciardi* had a wonderful trip to Alaska. She went to Anchorage, McKinley Park, Fairbanks, and the Yukon. *Anita Hughes Meyer* sends kindest regards to all. She stays pretty close to home because of arthritic knees, so did not come to the tea. *Clara Loftus Verrilli*, accompanied by her older daughter, went to Seattle to see her thirteenth grandchild—Jessica Ann!

Carol and *Emily Martens Ford* celebrated their

golden wedding anniversary in October. During the summer she picked a dozen quarts of blueberries for pies, jellies and cakes! Last fall was so very beautiful in Vermont with the colorful foliage.

**Hortense Koller Becker** visited Vienna, Austria for the commemoration of the 100th year of her father's discovery of the use of cocaine as an anesthetic for eye surgery. He was a distinguished ophthalmologist.

Also at our October tea were **Dorothy Maloney Johnson**, **Effie Morehouse**, who came all the way from Little Falls, NJ, **Garda Brown Bowman**, **Edythe Sheehan Dineen**, who says she's enjoying her retirement home in Bridgeport very much, and **Rhoda Hoff de Terra**. Glad you made it, Rhoda.

Finally, if you read *The New York Times Book Review* on the biography of our classmate **Margaret Mead**, maybe you felt the way most of us did. Why would one's daughter write such a critical account of her own mother?

Wish other classmates would write us a line. We would like to hear from you. Best to everyone.

**24** **Mary Pyle Fleck**  
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Members of the Seven Colleges Alumnae Club, known locally as the Seven Cs, are now meeting for lunch followed by a program the first Friday of each month. The place is the University Club of Sarasota; in May at the Field Club. Anyone ever associated with Barnard is welcome. Call Mary Fleck at (813) 365-2766 for a reservation.

No news of class members for this issue. Please write.

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**27** **Mildred Gluck Tomback**  
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As our class advances in years, its members diminish in numbers! What does one do about the law of diminishing returns? Refuse to accept it!! Inform me of your activities and I will spread the news!

**Beatrice Taub Kleppner** informs me that her daughter, Susan, in collaboration with Professor Richard Lazarus of the University of California, Berkeley, has published a book, *Stress, Appraisal, Coping*. It was published last August by the American Psychology Association.

**Janice Moses Sullivan** has left her summer home in Heritage Village and returned to Delray Beach, Florida, where she spends the winter. Janice is a volunteer worker for the American Foundation for the Blind and finds the work rewarding.

We hear that **Kate Eisig Tode** is already planning to come half way around the world to our 60th Reunion. She spoke with **Marion Patterson Ames** '37, who phoned her during a recent visit in Australia.

We regret to inform you of the following losses: **Marjorie Taylor Collins**, June 6th, 1984 and **Ethel Burack Cohn** on July 9th, 1984.

Please keep in touch wherever you are!!

**28** **Eleanor Michelfelder**  
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I have received word that **Mary Noyes Chapin** died on August 6. Our belated sympathy goes to Mary's family and friends.

Inasmuch as I have no other item for this issue, I am using this column for material I feel is rather important. As Class Correspondent, each fall I receive

a listing from the Alumnae Office of names and addresses of our classmates, along with notation of decease date or notation of "mail returned." I have noticed that there are a goodly number of '28-ers who have apparently disappeared into the "wild blue yonder." For various reasons, the Office does not have any information on their whereabouts or whether they have passed away. Therefore, may I ask all of you to check over the names listed below and, if you know about any of them, to send such info to me (postcard will do), which I will then send on to the Alumnae Office. In that way, I will be able to include in future columns such details as I receive.

**Lillian Millner Cohn (Mrs. David L.)**  
**Gertrude Thompson Dodd (Mrs. Samuel T., Jr.)**  
**Dorothy Reynolds Donegan (Mrs. Thomas J.)**  
**Elizabeth Dow Finch (Mrs. Stanley B.)**  
**Faith Webster Fraser (Miss)**  
**Miriam Lipton Glantz (Mrs. Leis)**  
**Mary Whittaker Gotten (Mrs. Nicholas)**  
**Ruth Judith Guild (Miss)**  
**Dorothy Hussie Harris (Mrs. Robert)**  
**Adelheid M. Kaufmann (Miss)**  
**Lucy Tuh Tsung Liao (Miss)**  
**Dorothy Lenke Lurie (Mrs. Daniel)**  
**Elizabeth Hay Manning (Mrs. Conant)**  
**M. Harriet Kellar Pond (Mrs. Kenneth F.)**  
**Lucy Edelberg Roberts (Mrs. Lee)**  
**Maria T. Romero (Miss)**  
**Barbara Zarniko Ruhemann (Mrs. Martin)**  
**Helen Wright Ryan (Mrs. Edward F.)**  
**Lillian Sotkin Stark (Mrs.)**  
**Marguerite Kellner Stone (Mrs. Maurice)**  
**Rosa Maria Serralles Torruellas (Mrs.)**  
**Louise Gahen Van Wicken (Mrs.)**

I should very much appreciate your help in this undertaking, and hope that I may receive your material soon.

GOOD WISHES FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS IN THE SPRING MONTHS, WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL OF YOU.

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**Olive Bushnell Morris**  
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It was good to see **Ruth von Roeschlaub** looking so well at our mini reunion on October 8th. Sixteen other faithful classmates also participated, and the luncheon was graced by a visit from Pres. Ellen V. Futter and Dorothy Coyne Weinberger, vice-pres. in charge of public affairs. It was there that we learned the following news of one of our most modest and self-effacing classmates, **Gertrude Tonkonogy Friedberg**. "Playbill," The National Theatre Magazine, has carried three separate references to Tonky (Oct. '83, April & June '84), all inspired by her first play, "Three Corners Moon" (1933), which was also produced as a movie. In science-fiction circles, Tonky is better known for *The Revolving Boy* (1966), still appearing as a paperback in the 1980's. An English major and a professional writer, she has more recently been teaching mathematics in a NYC high school.

**Amy Jacobs Goell**, '29's Fund Chairman, has been one of the most hard-working of our class officers; the mystery concerns how she finds time to write all those thank-you notes, and keep our records up-to-date. Amy has long worked as a volunteer at Rutherford House, a half-way house for the mentally ill, even relieving the resident manager. She has traveled to Egypt, the Galapagos and Hawaii, and when not bird-watching with the Audubon Club, shuttles across the continent to visit her children at both ends.

Writing from her home in Virginia in May, **Dorothy Coulter Hancock** said she expected to meet **Emmanell Backus Constans**, coming from Santa

Barbara, CA, and subsequently plan a trip to Alaska for September. We hope they will rendezvous in NYC next time, and join us for a class reunion at Barnard.

**Florette Holzwasser Henri** is another author whose latest book, *Tenants at Will—The Southern Indians and Benjamin Hawkins (1796-1816)*, is now in press. Her earlier publications include a novel, a book on George Mason, "the dissenting founding father," and a number of works on 20th century black history. Interested in American Indians and their problems since the thirties, she served then as an editorial assistant in the Anthropology Dept. under Franz Boas. Later, she worked for Margaret Mead in other editorial capacities. As a volunteer she has been concerned with the teaching of English composition at the Westchester County Jail at Valhalla, and at the NY State Women's Prison at Bedford Hills.

**Ethel Perlman Hirsch** continues to be actively interested in golf and travel. She has recently toured northern Italy. Her community work is connected with local Jewish organizations and the Silvermine Guild, an art group in New Canaan, Conn.

**Frances Budahn Hitchcock** retired after 20 years of service as librarian in the Public Library of Southwest Harbor, Maine. She occupies her time in volunteer activities, including a local nursing home. **Adrienne Bedelle Hull** (whom we were happy to greet at our October reunion) summers at her camp in Oquossoc, Maine. She also goes there in winter for skiing and snowshoeing. She is active in elementary education and leads nature walks and ecology studies.

**Helen Savery Hungerford** is still performing in the Festival Theatre of Penn State University, serving her 4th year as a member of the University Resident Theatre Company. Her acting and dancing she finds productive and rewarding. **Louise Ireland Grimes Ireland** lives in an apartment in Cleveland, instead of in the big home she occupied before her husband's death in 1981. She travels a lot, recently to Egypt and Kenya.

**Mary Elizabeth Simpson Kite** can now boast of joining the great-grandmothers of our class. So can **Gertrude Kahrs Martin** whose first great-grandchild was born April 17th last. It is a special day for her and for all of us, the anniversary of '29's triumph as freshmen in Greek Games.

**Virginia Brown Kreuzer** and husband Barton travel to exotic parts of the world—India, Nepal. A high point of their most recent adventure last winter was a two-hour elephant ride through the high jungle grass at Tiger Tops.

**Elisabeth Kuck Lang** reports moving in the fall '83, with husband, dog and two cats, from Dutchess County, NY to Waldoboro, Maine, and surviving their first Maine winter. **Alice Stacey Ruffino**'s special interest is the restoration and conservation of NY City's small parks; she is a member of all the park clubs in her area, including Gramercy, Stuyvesant, and Union Square.

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**Caroline Tietjen Everett** writes to say that her family of four are all well and enjoying their families. Edith, her oldest child, is living in New Delhi, India. Satish Sabarwal, Edith's husband, has headed the anthropology department of Jawaharlal Nehru University. Edith has perfected her skill in being a gracious hostess to the groups of visitors to a newly established campus. Their daughter, Gayatri, graduated from college this summer with high honors. Her brother Vasant will enter his second year of college this fall. He is interested in bird watching and mountain climbing.

Several other members of Caroline's family are also involved in education. Her older son, Robert, is



# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATE ALUMNAE

The 1985 annual meeting will be held on  
Friday, May 17, at 1:00 p.m.  
in McIntosh Center.

a fourth grade teacher; his wife is a guidance counselor in the local high school. The second daughter teaches in high school; at present she is working with children with emotional difficulties. The younger son is working in the office of the state police.

Caroline has ten fine grandchildren. One granddaughter and her young husband have been working very earnestly in the field of languages, particularly Chinese. They are now in the Xian Northwest Telecommunications Institute, Foreign Language Department, People's Republic of China. Xian is one of the oldest cities of China.

When *Anne Gunther Cooper* retired from Physicians and Surgeons after almost fifty years of assisting as a biochemist in ongoing research under Dr. Erlanger, she was presented with her published work bound between hard covers.

Anne is as busy as ever. She has been involved in metaphysics for half a century and she has fully developed the five higher sensory perceptions — HSP (such as clairvoyance, clair audience, clair sentence, etc.) which are utilized in her healing, teaching and counseling. Anne conducts a weekly meditation workshop under the guidance of her teachers—Master Allan and Baha-U-Llah.

In a slide show of works by alumnae artists, *Ivy-Jane Edmondson Starr* was represented. Ivy-Jane transferred to Barnard from Smith after her sophomore year because she wanted to work at the Art Students League. This must have been a rather difficult step to take, as fourteen girls from her high school class in Cleveland went on to Smith. In April, Ivy-Jane had a show of fourteen paintings and four stone sculptures in the Alumnae House at Smith. Her hands are bothering her now and they have forced her to stop stone carving and return to painting.

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*Ilsa Plettner McLwraith* writes that she is secretary of the Chattanooga, Tenn. Torch Club, a member of the International Assn. of Torch Clubs, Inc. and the Telephone Secretary for the Chattanooga Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Through her membership in a variety of humane societies and nature preservation and environmental protection associations, she keeps fairly busy writing letters to various governmental officials here and abroad. In this connection, she is now foster mother to a wolf, named Imbo, a beautiful animal indeed. Outdoor exercise, including the raking of the myriad leaves that fall during the autumn season, has also kept her muscles in shape.

Come on, gals. Let us have more information from the rest of you '31ers.

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As promised at our 50th Reunion, *Beatrice Sykora Doyle* brings us up to date after decades of being "lost." Since 1971 she has been one of the owners of Charlestown Village, a southern Rhode Island shopping center. Under the name of Doyle Originals, Bea designs, constructs and decorates doll furniture for dolls 6" to 14". For the past eight years she has also been vice-chair of the South Kingston Zoning Board of Review. The job is not easy because of the influx of natives of Connecticut, New York, and "points south." Beatrice and her husband, who is now retired, live in a rambling house that they built board by board and added to over the years. She mentioned her "grown son and

daughter who produced four grandchildren."

*Grace Iijima* writes that she is more reluctant every year to leave Hulet's Landing, NY. Yet as each summer ends, she feels guilty pangs for things she should be doing in NYC. Her summer '84 included a five-week jaunt around the world beginning with a wedding in Finland, a cocktail supper party in Copenhagen, shopping in Manila, and then two weeks in Japan visiting with family and friends and attending a conference. It was strenuous, interesting, and finally wonderful to come home to the lake.

*Denise Abbey* maintains her record of the moving target. In mid-August she wrote that she had a fine though wet stay in Sorrento, came back via Germany and Florida, then went off for a delightful week of Elderhostel in Sitka. After taking a "deep breath" she was off to Switzerland, Austria and Germany, including the Passion Play. Home again, a successful flea market, followed by her producing her original play, "The Clubhouse on the Styx," which she based on a J. K. Bang 1890's novel. After the production she took off for Cappadocia, Turkey and Petra and Gerash in Jordan, and home on the OEI to attend Alumnae Council on Nov. 1-2-3. After Alumnae Council Denny delivered some lectures in DC, then went to Florida and on back-to-back cruises in the British Virgin Islands on Windjammers with her brother. Then she went home to hibernate and restore her depleted bank account.

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*Josephine Diggles Golde*  
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We are still trying to catch up with all the news we gleaned from the questionnaire responses sent to the members of our class last spring. Two of our classmates are still practicing medicine, *Lillian Batlin* and *Olga Haller*. Olga is also an associate clinical professor of pediatrics.

*Mary Dickinson Gettel* and her husband live in Vermont and enjoy visits from her classmates and his former students. He has retired as a professor of music at the College of the City of New York.

*Florence Lorenz Gude* has retired from her teaching career. She has a son who attended Columbia College and a daughter who attended Barnard. She is now a widow and lives in New Hampshire.

*Carolyn Potter Hampton* spent the World War II years as an engineering assistant at Grumman Aircraft. Her chief interest is music; she has been a double-bass player in symphonic, dance, and theater groups. She is also a church organist and piano teacher. She is the mother of a son and a daughter.

It was good to hear from *Doris Brian Hepner* who says that she and her husband are now semi-retired "to our favorite island—Manhattan." She has had a distinguished career in fine arts and editorial work. After graduating from Barnard, Doris pursued the study of fine arts at the University of Paris, the University of Brussels and the Institute of Fine Arts at Bryn Mawr. She has been managing editor of *Art News* and *Modern Plastics*. She was features editor of *House Beautiful*, copy director of *American Home*, and creative group head for J. Walter Thompson.

*Elizabeth Huber Howell* and her husband have had a long career in the real estate and resort business. She has been active in church and hospital

work and is now a freelance writer.

We received a letter from *Dorothy Nowa* subsequent to our Fiftieth Reunion report. She asked that I correct the information printed in that issue. Although now retired from Goldman Sachs, she is working on her own project in the investment banking field.

*Josephine Diggles Golde* and *Gertrude Lally Scannell* had a nice winter vacation with their husbands on Antigua.

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*Kathryn L. Heavey*  
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Classmates must be saving news for 1985 Reunion so there is little for these Class Notes. A "Hi" by airmail came from *Ruth Bedford McDaniel* who was vacationing in Greece last August. *Mary Gray Harris Legg* returned from her Connecticut orchestra's concert tour of Spain smacking her lips with the memory of fresh Valencia oranges. *Mary Selee Lawson* in Florida is hoping friends not seen for many years will be at our 50th. If anyone wants a travel companion, we might be able to send names and addresses of classmates in her area.

This issue of the magazine is the next-to-last issue before Reunion weekend and curiosity impelled me to review 49 years of 1935 notes. Thirteen of us have never been mentioned in Class Notes and all except three of those live within a short distance of Manhattan. It may be that we frequently see friends and so believe there is no news to send in. On the other hand, readers in distant climes might enjoy knowing about life in Connecticut or New Jersey, or even in Scarsdale.

Class officers are elected (or re-elected) at our five year reunions. I have heard no rumors of dissatisfaction with incumbents, but if there should be a vacancy to fill, or if anyone (now that the children are grown and most of us are retired) would have a suggestion or be willing to serve, *Elizabeth Simpson Wehle* will be glad to have a note or a call at 741 N. Broadway #1D Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10716, 914-478-0730.

*Marion Meurlin Gregory* wonders about guests from the Barnard faculty at our class dinner. It is sad to note that those teachers we loved are no longer here but she asks about the possibility of inviting a member of the present faculty from a particular department to chat with us about what is going on now. Marion's address is 1523 Chapin St., Birmingham, MI 48008. She will be glad to consider your suggestions and ideas.

I am making again an urgent plea to borrow the class picture that I know was taken as we lined up in cap and gown in front of Barnard Hall for a commencement rehearsal. The College archives do not have a print of this. I would like to borrow one to have a copy made and return the original. Please look to see if you have one, perhaps rolled up with your diploma or other Barnard memories.

Hope you will make a special effort to be at Barnard 50 years after.

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*Vivian H. Neale*  
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What better pastime in midwinter than traveling vicariously with classmates? *Anna Goddard Potter*



and her husband enjoyed a two-week stay in Sorrento, Italy followed by a week's bus trip around Sicily.

Ever adventurous **Charlotte Haverly Scherz** and her husband "jounced around" this country with Eastern Airlines' "Get Up and Go" tickets. As she puts it: "all the friends who've been asking us to visit are having their moment of truth and we have gotten to know the Atlanta airport very well." At last writing the Scherzes were headed for Denver.

**Gertrude Graff Herrnstadt** and **Elizabeth Dew Searles** traveled together in England on a tour that featured long walks in the Cotswolds, on the ancient Ridgeway Path along the North Wessex Downs, in Exmoor National Park, and on the coastal footpath in Cornwall. At the end of the tour they spent a few days sightseeing in Bath and nearby places before parting company. Gertrude then went to London for further sightseeing there, while Elizabeth went to Chichester and to Salisbury to see and photograph Anglo-Saxon and Norman churches that could be reached from those cities. In the spring she had photographed medieval churches of a very different sort — Norwegian stave churches — while traveling in the interior of Norway by train and bus after having voyaged up the coast from Bergen to Kirkenes and back to Trondheim on a cargo/mail/passenger coastal steamer. Gertrude's other travels in 1984 included a cruise from New York to Montreal and an automobile trip to the southern Appalachians.

In September **Marie Ward Doty** represented Barnard at the inauguration of the Reverend Joseph A. O'Hare as the president of Fordham University.

In November **Nora Lourie Percival**, **Elizabeth Dew Searles** and your correspondent attended the Alumnae Council meetings. Once again we were excited by what is current on campus, listened attentively to reports of successful reunions, and were inspired to make our 50th the event of the century. Further planning for this great occasion took place later in November at the home of **Blanche Kazon Graubard**.

Many thanks to those of you who have offered to help the planners. Now let's hear from more of you.

**37** **Hilda Loveman Wilson**  
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NBC is making a six-hour TV movie of **Belva Of- fenberg Plain's Evergreen**. Filming will take place in Vancouver, New York and Israel. Her new book, **Crecent City**, shot right to the top of the best-seller list.

**38** **Adele Rosenbaum Curott**  
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**Emily Chadbourne Minor**, in a recent letter, regrets that she truly hasn't anything exciting to report. Perhaps not, but she certainly interested me. So, here goes: "I have four children and fourteen grandchildren. (Almost too many.) My son is an engineer living in Newport Beach, CA, one daughter is a physical therapist, and two are housewives plus. One of my daughters lives in San Francisco, one in Columbia, SC, and one, married to an Australian physician, lives in Queensland. I guess scattered families are typical today, but they surely require lots of letterwriting and trips. I'm headed for a second trip to Australia in the fall of 1984. My youngest grandchild, (8 months in Jan. 1985) is a little Aussie; my eldest is 23 years and working towards a Bachelor of Nursing degree.

"I'm still busy with League of Women Voters (the younger women are so busy with careers that we oldsters have to hang on) and Salvation Army Advisory Board and lately the Nuclear Freeze movement. (I remember when Enrico Fermi came to Barnard and described the first steps in splitting the

atom!) I've attended several Episcopal Conventions here and a Lambeth Conference and Anglican Consultative Council in England. Widens the perspective to hear delegates from Africa, Asia, etc. I also enjoy belonging to an Investment Club.

"Attended part of our 45th reunion with **Harriet Benedetto Underwood**. The Chemistry Dept. certainly has changed! Thought the talk by the oldest alumna was the highlight of the occasion. Have met **Laura Miles Bartholomew** in the Metropolitan Museum for lunch. Have moved from house (too big) to an apartment. Living in the apartment above me is an alumna from 20 years before our class — a neighbor with a very keen mind. I'm considering going to South Carolina to be near one set of grandchildren — but it's hard to pull up roots."

Emily concludes: "this sounds a bit dull — no PhDs, no career or honors." Heavens, it's not dull to me — we should give her any honor she wants.

**Catharina Hitchcock** was sorry to have to report sad news. **Josephine Virginia Deschler Edgar**, who received an MD from N.Y.U. and practiced pathology, died on September 23 after suffering from multiple sclerosis for 18 years. She leaves her husband, J. Clifton Edgar, two sons, and four grandchildren.

We extend condolences to **Ruth Frankfurter Lehr** on the death of her husband George on October 23.

**39** **Janice Hoerr White**  
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Those of us who were there are still savoring last May's Reunion. The forward motion of life seemed to stop for a while even though we were jolted back into the present the next day.

While we cannot frequently get together, the Alumnae Magazine enables us to share our present time with reports of ourselves and our families. Do send me your news.

Last summer, '39 president **Elaine Hildenbrand Mueser** entertained class officers **Ninetta di Benedetto Hession**, **Emma Louise Smith Rainwater**, **Louise Comer Turner**, **Janice Hoerr White**, and **June Marie Williams** for lunch at her home in Yonkers.

Justice **Shirley R. Levittan** made headlines in the *New York Times* in connection with the case of Michael Stewart, a 25 year old man who died while in the custody of transit police in Manhattan. Justice Levittan of State Supreme Court refused to permit a grand juror to make public his charge that prosecutors obstructed the investigation into Mr. Stewart's death.

**Ninetta di Benedetto Hession** writes: "About to enter my umpteenth career as a character (what else?) model. No income yet, but interviewed on Joe Franklin's show (at 5:30 AM and 2 AM) and featured at the Red Parrot (first visit to a disco at age 66!). Also interviewed by *Life* reporter and one from Gannett News."

**40** **Louise Barr Tuttle**  
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Set aside that special Reunion weekend, May 17-18 for our 45th big one — plans are now under way for a memorable weekend! **Ann Landau Kwitman**, doing networking in Westchester, entertained **Lois Saphir Lee**, **June Rossbach Bingham**, **Joan Shalit Sweet**, **Flora Ehrsam Dudley**, **Vera Robins Greene** and **Regina Cropsey** at a luncheon in her home while they discussed various ideas on reunion activities. Incidentally, earlier in the year Ann and her husband sailed their new 47' ketch from Houston, TX to Long Island.

Nominations for class officers are in order at this time. Elections will take place in May, either before the Reunion (by mail) or at the meeting. **Gerry Sax Shaw**, nominating chairperson, invites "all members of the class of 1940 who are willing and available to serve as officers from 1985 to 1990" to

write to her as soon as possible at 42 East Mall Drive, Melville, NY 11747. "Members of the class who may have been too busy with other endeavors previously may now be available due to changes such as retirement or relocation. It would be helpful, though not essential, if they are within easy access of the Barnard campus, so that they are available for meetings and seminars."

Gerry writes further, "Our youngest son, Jim Shaw, a graduate of Columbia College and Columbia Law School, married Julia Brody, MD, a pulmonary specialist, last October. They are living in Philadelphia, where he practices law, specializing in estate planning and tax law. Richard is in Hollywood, where he heads Catalyst Productions, a film company, and also Catalyst Computer Services, a subsidiary company, where he is also a consultant. Cary Shaw, our third son, is a senior operations research analyst for Pitney-Bowes in Norwalk, CT, where he lives with our daughter-in-law Joan and our 6 year old granddaughter Jocelyn. My husband, Wallace M. Shaw, MD, is an anesthesiologist and director of anesthesiology at Mid-Island Hospital in Bethpage, NY. He is also #1 ranked amateur filmmaker in North America, according to the point score by the Photographic Society of America of awards won by his films in festivals and contests all over the world."

**Shirley Greene Sugerman-Rosenberg** is still in private practice as a clinical psychologist/psychoanalyst. She's also an adjunct assoc. professor at Drew U. in Madison, NJ, where she also serves on the Board of Trustees and as Director of the Interdisciplinary Faculty Forum. She went to China in November with husband Morton to pursue her interest in Chinese culture. Her three published books are doing well, especially *Sin and Madness: Studies in Narcissism*.

Sadly, the class extends its sympathies to the family of **Ruth Cohn Katz**, who passed away on October 12th. **Marianne Wiener Bernstein '38** writes that she is survived by her husband and her daughter Judith, the family having lived in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, for the last twenty years. "I do not know how many of you knew Ruth, a transfer in her junior year from Smith College. She had a twin sister Esther who remained at Smith... all three of us were camp counselors at an orphanage in Westchester. Ruth was the quiet one of the twin pair, very beautiful and feminine. Their father had been a famous physician in Berlin until 1933 when he was forced to emigrate to this country to escape persecution by the Nazi regime."

**41** **Mary Graham Smith**  
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Class president **Eleanor Johnson** continues to enjoy her frequent short trips abroad — September-October '84 took her to India for three weeks; Christmastime was time for Madeira and Cascais, Portugal.

To **Helen Sessinghaus Williams**, another hard-working class member, heartiest congratulations and the very best of wishes for great happiness. Helen was married to William Andrew Blackmon on Saturday, the 15 September, at the Union League Club. Mr. and Mrs. Blackmon will reside at 24 Bank Street, NY, NY 10014.

**Alice Drury Mullins** attended Helen's wedding recovering from a fractured hip — the result of a fall from a bus in Paris. **Nancy Wagner Landolt**, who was a bridesmaid at Helen's first wedding, joined **Jeanette Halstead Kellogg** and **Pat Lambdin Moore** and spouses, and **Naomi Sells Berlin**, **Eleanor Johnson**, and **Pat Draper** in giving the couple a happy send-off for a London honeymoon.

**Cynthia Laidlaw Gordon**, newly retired, found herself back at the "teaching bit" temporarily in the fall. Busy with her work as president of the Easton, PA AAUW, the Easton Historical Society, church work, and innumerable charities, Cyn still plans to travel with husband Jack, also retired. First — a December Florida reunion with **Clyde White Hamm**



and your correspondent when Clyde's husband Howard will be feted as he assumes his new job as Pres. of Perfection Foods. The Hamms remain residents of Tustin Hills, CA.

Drop me a note about your holiday doings, activities, travel, family. We do care. Write, write, and a wonderful '85 to all.

**42** *Marjory Rosser Phillips*  
39 Eggers Street  
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*Katharine Hanly Brettnall* retired in June after 31 years of reporting on all the municipal affairs of Princeton NJ for the local newspaper, *Town Topics*. She writes: "I wrote Thomas Peardon, who had been my advisor as a government major, and told him I certainly hadn't expected, as I studied the lofty works of political theorists, to be spending my time writing about sewer problems. Ah, no! he wrote back. Don't forget that even such great thinkers as Aristotle have been concerned with public sanitation! It consoled me during many a long public meeting on sewer problems." She adds that, far from idle retirement, she expects to be kept busy serving on the boards of the Family Service Agency of Princeton and the Mercer Street Friends Center, an agency that does wonderful things for all age groups in center-city Trenton NJ.

*Helene Gottesman Axelrod* claims her husband will never retire. He did take time out this past fall, however, for them to travel around Europe, visiting France, Sicily, Florence and England. Their sons are not too far away, one in Bethesda MD and one in NYC. She has a 3 year old granddaughter and another grandchild expected in March.

Some further news from *Ana del Valle Totti* telling of her efforts to help Mrs. del Rio with her project of a Museum of Reproductions for the children of Puerto Rico. Although they have the backing of the Department of Education, it is an uphill struggle, their primary problem being finding adequate space.

If any of you who happened to read the *New York Times Magazine* of Sunday, September 9, were wondering, yes, the Dr. Elaine Swingle featured on the cover and in the lead article, "The Working Mother as Role Model," is one of the seven children of *Kathryn Bruns Swingle*.

For the "Isn't It a Small World" department, I traveled into New York City back in November on a charter bus tour to the Van Gogh exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and found my seat-mate was the mother of a Barnard freshman. It was a really good feeling to hear her talk about her daughter's enthusiasm and affection for Barnard.

**43** *Sophie Vrahnos Louros*  
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Pelham, NY 10803

Alumnae Council, held the first few days of November 1984, provided a welcome reunion with class president *Lucille Osmer Hutchinson* and *Gretchen Relyea Hannan*, co-chairman of our class's annual drive, plus some long lost acquaintances of former years. It's good to be able to report that Gretchen has bested the effects of her fall of last March and is walking well again, albeit with the aid of her trusted cane. Soon that, too, will be a thing of the past. All of us attended a workshop on "Fundraising and Solicitation" so look out!...we hope to be able to maintain, or better, our very good class record of having 48% of the class give to Barnard in 1984.

A letter from *Barbara Valentine Hertz* tells us that she and her husband are at the University of Miami.... "David teaching in both the Business and the Law School. He has launched the Intelligent Computer Systems Research Institute which, among other things, puts out a monthly newsletter covering the Artificial Intelligence world." Barbara is director of development at the Research School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. But she hasn't quite shed her New York cloak. Says she, "I'll know

## TO RECOGNIZE ALUMNAE SERVICE

Alumnae support for Barnard comes in many forms, from many different people. The Awards Committee of the AABC would like to recognize those dedicated women whose service to the College has been extraordinary by presenting Alumnae Recognition Awards at Alumnae Council in the fall.

Please help us identify individuals whose contribution—through class, club, committee, or other alumnae activity—has been outstanding. If

you know of a likely candidate, please do not assume that someone else will submit her name, or that the committee "must know about her already."

Names of candidates for the Alumnae Recognition Award should be sent to the Office of Alumnae Affairs, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY 10027-6598 by April 1 and should be accompanied by as much supporting material as possible.

I've become a real Floridian when I reach for the *Miami Herald* instead of the *New York Times* with my breakfast coffee!"

*Maureen O'Connor Cannon* exclaimed ecstatically not too long ago that James Patrick Cullinan was born in 30 minutes in a birthing chair. Young James is grandson #2 for Maureen. Congratulations, Grammie to you and to daughter Kit and her husband Mike!

Following the tradition of having an area alumna be present at the inauguration of a new college president, *Francine Salzman Temko* represented Barnard at the installation of Jerry C. Lee as sixth president of Gallaudet College in Washington, DC.

Never let it be said that Barnard alumnae are not open to new challenges. *Pat Carroll Donecho*, having spent a good bit of time working for the New York State Department of Labor, is attending the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at C.W. Post in order to obtain a master's degree in library science. Her reason: she obtained a full-year internship at the Port Washington Public Library which entails her developing the *Long Island Sound Heritage Collection*. "The collection will be a research tool for persons and organizations seeking to promote environmental protection of the Sound. She will assess the current documentation available on the ecology and development of the Sound and its shorelines." Pat will also be responsible for selecting books, periodicals and audio-visual materials for inclusion in the collection which will be located at the Port Washington Library. To accomplish this she will be working with private and governmental organizations in New York State and Connecticut. Congratulations, Pat, on obtaining the internship and best wishes for bringing it to a successful conclusion (papers and all!).

Well, our planet survived 1984 despite famines, tragedies, assassinations and near-assassinations. May 1985 continue some of the good things begun last year—new achievements in space, continued excellence in sports, further acceptance of the role of women in public life, and above all, success in the continued quest for peace.

**44** *Martha Messler Zepp*  
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Trenton, NJ 08648

We have news of *Jeanne Mitchell Biancoli*, whose debut at Town Hall in 1947 was followed by 15 years in concerts with major orchestras and conductors in New York and around the world. For

several years, while raising two daughters, Jeanne's activities were more limited, but in recent years she has again been active on the concert stage. On November 3 she played solo violin in a benefit for the building fund of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Washington, CT.

Vice president *Francoise Kelz* says, "Watch your mail for an invitation to a mini-reunion at the College to celebrate the renovation of the iron gates."

**45** *Daisy Fornacca Kouzel*  
54 Cayuga Avenue  
Atlantic Beach, NY 11509

I'm glad that our Assistant Editor, Karen Jolkovski, reminded me that a short column is much better than none, because this column is going to be plenty short! In fact the only news I received (third hand) is from *Jane Brunstetter Huseby*, who has moved to the California Bay area to be near her children and grandchildren. She's now on an 18-month assignment as Readers Service Librarian at the National Library of Papua, New Guinea.

In a note forwarded by the Alumnae Office, *Diana Lanier Smith* (Mrs. Karl B.) told of her three married sons. The third and youngest was married in Buffalo on September 6. She also has two grandchildren.

If despite my continued pleas you persist in not writing to me, you'll have to content yourselves with the tidbits I picked up at Alumnae Council, where I saw *Hope Simon Miller* and sat at table with *Helen Sack Okun*, looking as glamorous as ever, and class president *Sibyl Polke Karn* and her husband Andrew (my Alfred had come along as well). Billy told me that *June Wals Freeman* is now Mrs. Adolph Miller, in other words happily remarried! I also learned that *Sally Good von Mechow* is going to be our fundraising chairman. The talk naturally centered around our 40th Reunion, which just has to be a resounding success, with the largest attendance ever, if I have anything to say or do about it!

My daughter Miriam loves Northwestern, and the very first day of school was picked by Sheldon Harnick (of *Fiorello!* fame) for a big part in his new musical *Dragons*. Nothing is new with me personally, except that I am really devastated by all the executions and by the fact that instead of following the lead of the most civilized nations in the world (Great Britain included), we are retreating back to the Dark Ages. I really feel like Sisyphus, and letters from my classmates would go a long way to cheer me up, so write!



**Betty Barras James** has become an invalid and is confined to a home for adults. Betty is now tracing the genealogy of her family. She has been able to trace descendants of her "5 greats" grandfather, Jean Baptiste Barras, into their tenth generation. Betty has names and dates for some 500 descendants of her pioneer ancestor. She has also begun translating, into English, the "MEMOIRES" of Jean Paul, Vicomte de Barras, who was a "Directeur" of the Republic of France.

**Betty Craft Katz** of Westport, CT traveled to Paris, London, and Scotland at the end of last summer with her family. From Malverne, NY, **Doris Mohr Rasweiler** writes that she and her immediate family attended her son's wedding in Bermuda. Doris also visited Hawaii this past summer.

**47** Betty Green Knap  
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**Roberta Paine** deserves kudos for a job done well and cheerfully as class correspondent. Although it was the last thing she needed after five years as class president, she did it in order to give me a chance to wind up some other activities before taking on a new one. Now maybe she will keep her hand in by running another mini-fundraiser for the class at the Metropolitan Museum. How about it, Bobbie?

I suppose an update on **Betty Green Knap** is in order. When husband Jim retired early nearly two years ago as systems manager for Reuben H. Donnelley, I didn't think it would make any difference in my own life. Ha! I soon found that my various jobs were getting in the way of the things we wanted to do together. So in June I retired from the remedial reading department of the Malverne school system. The year before I retired from the Senior G. S. troop I had led for 13 years. So far, I haven't missed anything I left. We are finally free to travel and to go sailing as the weather and family obligations dictate. I am still an active Girl Scout, serving on adult committees on both Community and Council levels. As our local G. S. camping consultant, I was responsible for organizing a community troop-camping weekend this past October. It's to be hoped that at least some of 100 mostly new campers will decide they like camping as much as I always have.

Speaking of retirement, I was surprised to learn via Bobbie that **Joyce Dill McRae** and her husband Don have both retired, left N. Merrick, LI, and moved to their vacation home in the Poconos. Joyce was an ESL (English as Second Language) teacher in LI and Don was a land surveyor in Brooklyn. They started their retirement with a six-week camping trip to the west coast and up into Canada, with a special stop in the state of Washington to meet a brand-new granddaughter. As with many of us, Joyce's family is spread all over the country with one son in Washington, a daughter (and grandson) in New Hampshire, and two sons in Long Island. Joyce and I traveled together to attend the last couple of Reunions. We used to philosophize about Barnard women like ourselves who feel they never do anything worth writing about to Class Notes. I can empathize with her letter-ending to Bobbie:

"I enjoy reading your class notes. I always feel pleased—and somewhat inadequate—when I hear about someone I know." Let's hear from more of you. We can't be the only ones to feel this way.

**Dr. Anne Attura Paolucci**, Executive Director of the Council on National Literatures, wrote that CNL is marking its 10th anniversary. Special activities have included the presentation of a double program at the Modern Language Association convention in Washington, DC in December and an awards dinner honoring four internationally prominent writers and academics. Now in over 40 countries, the council was founded as the first organization in comparative literary studies dedicated exclusively to finding ways

## In the News



"Flowers and Fantasies" is the name of the business owned by **Anita Ginsburg Isakoff '47**, recently elected president of the Delaware Orchid Society. Between trips to various orchid-growing parts of the world, she told us about her work and how she came to it.

"Orchid growing and all of my activities in the Delaware Orchid Society began in the fall

of 1978. I had been growing a variety of plants in our greenhouse before then, but decided that nothing would be as rewarding and exciting as blooming orchids. The collection is now over 1000 plants, and we are in the process of enlarging the greenhouse to accommodate these and additional varieties. Growing orchids requires considerable study, as well as trial and error.

"In addition to the growing, I have become a floral designer and use the flowers as part of a business. Interest in orchid plants has become part of our travel plans as well. Last March we went on an orchid safari to Belize, in order to see and collect species in their native habitat. This meant going into jungle-like areas and enduring the attacks of fire ants. We did collect many plants, and they are now flourishing and flowering in the greenhouse."

While orchid growing used to be a predominantly male hobby and commercial arena, there are now many women members of the orchid society, including several local and national board members. For Anita Isakoff, orchid growing is "a way of life."

and means to integrate neglected and emergent literatures into the traditional European-centered spectrum of comparative literary studies. In addition to her work with CNL, Anne is chairman of the English Department at St. John's University and director of its Doctor of Arts Program in English.

**Doris Hopfer Kassouf** of Cranford, NJ donned cap and gown on October 16 to represent President Futter and the College at the inauguration of the president of Union County College.

I end with sad news. The Alumnae Office has been informed of the death of **Jean Hollings Byrnes** on October 21, 1981. However belatedly, our sympathy surely goes to her family.

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**49** Rosary Scacciaferro Gilheany  
21 De Vausney Place  
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Marian Gutekunst Boucher  
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New Canaan, CT 06840

By the time you read this, **Belle Lincoln Elmer** and her husband will be back in the United States after a ten year residency in Bermuda. Belle wrote that they were especially looking forward to being within 150 yds. of their children and grandchildren. The Elmers are continuing their association with the Community of Jesus, with the Creative Communications Department. Their address is: 16 Uncle Ben's Way, Orleans, Mass. 02653. Belle is also working on a book, which we hope to report on when it is published later this year.

A reminder to all our class authors. Please send a copy of your book to the Alumnae Magazine. They will see that it is added to the Alumnae Bibliography and then send it to the Barnard Library. It would be good if you also sent a notice to one of the class correspondents when you publish, speak, present, produce, or perform.

Some news, finally, from a few Manhattan classmates. **Helga Meyer** is very busy in her travel and tours position at Swissair. She welcomes hearing from classmates and was most helpful to me recently.

**Judith Marcus Topper**, a library colleague, was elected chairperson of the NY/NJ Medical Library Association.

At the recent Alumnae Council I had lunch with

**Barbara Rouse Hatcher** and **Jane Ritchie Rice**. Jane's word processing service is thriving, and Barbara, having raised and launched a son and a daughter, has returned to the art world at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum. She is working on a catalog of the decorative arts in the museum collection. Barbara's daughter is married and lives in Manhattan.

At Alumnae Council, at the session for Interim Classes, once again the subject of mini-reunions came up. I would like to hear from you if you think we should try one. Remember the theater parties we had years ago? If any of the correspondents from Classes '47, '48, '50 or '51 would like to help plan one, do get in touch with me or Marion, or with **Ruth Musicant Feder** or **Marilyn Karmason Spritz**. In NYC possible locations are the Barnard Club or the College itself. In the rest of the US, the Barnard clubs might be the focus.

Happy Presidents Day.

—RSG

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**Aline Wegrocki Stomfay-Stitz** was a recent doctoral degree recipient at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. She is university supervisor in the Office of Clinical Education and Student Services and wrote her EdD dissertation on "Peace Education: Historical Perspectives, 1828-1983." Congratulations!

**Mae Dunn Yih** writes from Oregon about her involvement in politics: "I now have served three terms in the House and this is my first term as State Senator. This was completely unexpected from the time I started college in America, but I really enjoy my life as a politician...I represent a district of 85,000 people. This fall I am going with the Governor of Oregon to China to sign a sister state relationship with Fujian Province. It is also a trade mission." Mae and her husband have two sons, one an attorney and one a cardiologist.

Please, classmates, will one of you think of tak-



ing over as class correspondent in June—the demands of my job have increased and, anyway, after all these years, it's time for someone else to have a whack at it. It's fun, but those deadlines seem to get closer and closer.

**52** Carol Connors Krikun  
345 12th Street  
Cresskill, NJ 07626

What a pleasure it is to pass along to you, classmates, the latest news of some members we haven't heard from for a while! Hope that this will snowball—inspiring more of you to send news now that the pressures of the holiday season have been left behind and you have a moment to catch your breath??

Kathy Burge Lukens wrote a nice newsy letter sharing some recent honors she has received. This past August, Kathy was named Empire State Woman of the Year in Human Services by Governor Mario Cuomo in recognition of her professional life devoted to championing the cause of civil and human rights for the physically and mentally handicapped. Fifteen years ago Kathy started a small nonprofit agency for the mentally retarded in Rockland County, New York, which has grown to include ten group homes, two workshops, several recreation programs for children and adults, and now a day treatment center.

This past June, Kathy received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the College of New Rochelle celebrating the fact that "her deeply rooted reverence for life has inspired her extraordinary efforts in a most noble, worthy cause. Thousands of mentally, emotionally, and multiply handicapped individuals are the direct beneficiaries of her years of compassionate and pioneering efforts on their behalf." Earlier in the year she was named "Catholic New Yorker of the Week" by *Catholic New York*, the newspaper for the Archdiocese of New York. Kathy's husband Jack is a clinical psychologist and both their eldest and third sons received master's degrees in Program Design for the mentally retarded from Columbia Teachers College. Their second son is studying to be an engineer and their daughter to be a nurse. Granddaughter Rebecca has just enjoyed her first birthday. All are devoted to fourth son, Dave, who is retarded.

Recently received word that Eunice Claire Messler, formerly a faculty member in the University of Wyoming School of Nursing, has joined the East Carolina University School of Nursing as professor and assistant dean for undergraduate programs. Before her Wyoming appointment, Eunice taught for more than 14 years at Columbia University, where she directed the maternal-child nursing division and graduate program in perinatal nursing. She is a specialist in systems theory, nursing history and the use of support systems to improve patient care. At ECU, Eunice will coordinate the baccalaureate degree program which includes 48 faculty members and more than 700 students.

Edith Richmond Schwartz, PhD, Professor of Orthopedics and Physiology at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, was recently appointed to an 11-member National Arthritis Advisory



Edith Schwartz

Board for the US Food and Drug Administration for a three-year term. She recently completed a four-year term on the General Medicine A Study Section of the National Institutes of Health. The latter was concerned with peer review of grants in the fields of arthritis and dermatology. She is also chairman of the program committee for the national meetings of the Orthopaedic Research Society this year and a member of the program committee of the Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Since she is in the "publish or perish" world, she has done some of that too—about 50 full-length publications and an additional 75 abstracts or short papers, in addition to a worldwide schedule on the lecture circuit.

Dr. Schwartz has three children; Lisa, the oldest, is a lawyer in private practice in Boston. Madeline is an attorney with the State Attorney's Office in Montgomery County, Maryland and has just become engaged. Edward is a sophomore at Yale.

We all look forward to hearing news from the rest of our members! Do please drop me a note.

**53** Stephanie Lam Basch  
122 Mulberry Road  
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Frances Battipaglia Wakin, PhD is the author of a new book, *Way Stations to Self Awareness—A Handbook for Transformation and Survival*. She is a clinical psychologist with offices in Sanibel and Fort Myers, Florida, as well as contributor to a new magazine on self-awareness, and also does training seminars on the subject. She writes that she has two sons, one a graduate of Columbia, the other attending Florida State, and a "fleet and sweet greyhound dog."

Ann Besthoff Kanter writes that she is working as a writer in the Publications Dept. at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Anne Anderson Jones is proud of her daughter Beverly, who is a tour guide at the UN using her proficiency in Oriental languages following three years in Japan and China. She has two other daughters, both married. Anne is a librarian in Cincinnati and is working on her MLS degree.

**54** Louise Spitz Lehman  
62 Undercliff Terrace So.  
West Orange, NJ 07052

Barnard Alumnae Council took place November 1-3, 1984. The panel discussions and seminars were helpful, and seeing several members of our class made it special. I learned that congratulations are in order for Marlene Ader Hirsch; she recently married Armand Lerner. Herberta Benjamin Schacher, Mary Lou Chapuis Lempert and Carol Criscuolo Gristina were among the representatives of '54 there.

I have been notified of the death of Laura Main Bell. We send our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

There still are copies of our 30th Reunion Yearbook. If you want one, send \$4.50 to Herberta Schacher, 7 Kingwood Rd., Scarsdale, New York 10583.

Please drop me a line and keep the news coming.

**55** Norma Haft Mandel  
12 Butternut Drive  
New City, NY 10956

**56** Janet Bersin Finke  
518 Highland Avenue  
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Now that winter's here, giving us permission to spend cozy hours indoors, perhaps you'll feel free to take a little time to write to us.

Here's some news of classmates in the law: last

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February, **Hazel Gerber Schizer** became of counsel to the firm of Hays, Porter, Spanier & Curtis in New York City. **Alice Glantz Daniel**, who is a judge of the New York State Court of Claims, spoke eloquently on Women in Government in a panel at Barnard Alumnae Council in November. **Gloria Barry Cherry**, a certified civil trial attorney in New Jersey, has recently assumed the presidency of the Columbia Law School Alumni Association of New Jersey.

I look forward to hearing from more of you.

**57** **Deborah Berlatsky Golden**  
725 Eventide  
Memphis, TN 38119

**Barbara Salant**  
135 East 54th St., Apt. 5J  
New York, NY 10022

Several classmates attended a fundraising session in the James Room in November and shared their news. **Barbara Muney** told us she is teaching psychology at Touro College; **Nina Bunks**, otherwise known as **Natalie Wishnia Tulchin**, recently re-employed after a funding hiatus, reported belatedly about her son Alan 16, who is president of the G. O. at Hunter High School.

**Carol Podell Vinson** is still studying and working at the Post Graduate Center for Mental Health and recently opened a private practice. Her daughter Laura graduated *cum laude* from NYU last June and her son Danny is a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Judy Jaffe Baum**, who wrote this column, is Director of Information Services for the Public Education Association and the proud mother of **Erica**, Barnard '84, and Jennifer, a student at NYU. Judy recently saw **Rayna Schwartz Zeidenberg**, who traveled down from Buffalo where she and her family have been living for the past year-and-a-half. Rayna and a partner have started a business manufacturing and marketing chocolate buffalos. Her son Matthew graduated from Harvard last year, daughter Lisa is now a sophomore there, and Debby is a high school senior.

It has been way too long since we've heard from many of you. Please send news and notes to the Alumnae Office and help fill up this space.

**58** **Elaine Postelneck Yamin**  
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Gillette, NJ 07933

Your class correspondent, having received no news in the mail, had a wonderful time telephoning

classmates and obtaining news that way.

One of my calls was to **Marguerite Trovato Simon**. What a happy coincidence that I called, for she said, "Something exciting happened to me recently. I was appointed by Governor Kean and sworn in as a judge of the Superior Court of NJ." She was assigned to Bergen County, where she is the only woman trial judge. Marguerite is married and has two sons.

**Sephora Solowiejczyk Stein** and I had a delightful chat. Sephora is very satisfied with the choices she has made. She is married, has a son and a daughter, and her main interests are "marriage, home, children, and Hadassah." She does volunteer work for Hadassah and is on the presidium for one of its groups in NYC.

Another call was to **The Rev. Fanny Wilson Erickson**. Fanny was ordained in 1981 and is on the staff of Riverside Church, which many of us will remember as being very close to Barnard. She developed a program relating spiritual life to the life of the community, focusing on people's responsibility to respond to issues of love and justice. She has counseled women in transition, particularly women who have never worked outside the home but who find that they have to work because of divorce or spouse's death. She was the first woman to win the preaching prize in the 194-year history of New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Fanny is also a gifted abstract painter. She does a great deal of painting and has been in several shows.

**59** **Regina Jerome Einstein**  
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**Judy Weber Taylor**  
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This year's Barnard Alumnae Council meeting was also a mini-reunion for the class of '59, with eleven of us in attendance! Your correspondents had the fun of visiting with the following classmates: **Joan Bramnick Gruen**—Joan returned to Alma Mater after a hiatus of twenty years. She relished every minute. For more than fifteen years she has been selling real estate in Berkeley, CA. She also recruits young women in the Bay Area for Barnard. Her husband, **Erich Gruen**, Columbia, '57, recently published *The Hellenistic World and The Coming of Rome*, Vols. I and II. Last December and January they lived in Israel while Erich taught at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Joan, daughter **Bonnie** 23, and son **Keith** 19 were able to continue on to Florence, while son **Philip** 16 and dad returned home.

**Bonnie Goodman Orlin**—Bonnie lives in Newton, MA with her family and worked as a librarian for many years before joining Faxon, a library magazine subscription agency. She loves her job where she utilizes her library and computer skills. Bonnie is the mother of three grown sons; husband **Jay** is an attorney. **Sheila Schwartzstein Thaler**—Sheila is a psychiatric social worker at the Sheppard Pratt Hospital in Baltimore. She also has a private practice in family therapy and works chiefly with adolescents. Her son **Jonathan** attends Columbia, and son **Adam** is a high school senior.

**Nancy Rosenstein Mayer**—Nancy confused us all by graduating in 1958, but she came to our 25th Reunion and identifies with us '59-ers. A practicing lawyer, she took a leave of absence last fall to be the campaign manager of the woman candidate for Lt. Gov. of Rhode Island. Twice within a hair's breadth of being elected State Senator herself, she still found that being a woman is a political liability. **Janet Lotz Robinson** graciously arranged for a royal evening of theatre ("Much Ado About Nothing" and "Kipling") for those invited to Alumnae Council. Also in attendance were **Madeleine Perner Cosman** (three new books recently published!!!), **Mary Jane Goodloe**, **Firth Haring Fabend**, **Carol Herman Cohen**, **Lynn Fieldman Miller**, **Janet Feld-**

**man Steig**. **Betty Ackerman Clarick** stopped by to say hello.

**Laura Gagliardi Stettner** has been appointed Coordinator for the Cooperative Admissions Program which serves Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mt. Holyoke, Smith and Wellesley. Laura, who lives in Needham, MA with her husband Edward, Victoria 17, Jeffrey 15, and Thomas 11, had been working in the Wellesley College archives.

We were very saddened to hear of the untimely death of **Monique Eisenberg Dokton** and extend our deep sympathy to her family.

**60** **Ethel Katz Goldberg**  
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**Judy Barbarasch Berkun**  
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In my mail there was nary a note  
That I could, in this column, quote  
Because none of you ever wrote.  
So instead, because of your dereliction  
You're stuck with reading my affliction—  
Nonsense verse—and here's a prediction:  
You'll send me news to use next time  
Rather than read more silly rhyme!  
See you at Reunion!

—EKG

A last minute addition—**Gail Harte Moss** continues her winning ways at bridge. In November, she was a member of the women's championship team at the World Team Olympiad in Seattle. Her play in the final hand was so skilful that she now has the title of world grandmaster.

**61** **Hinda Rotenberg Miller**  
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Who do you suppose I ran into a few months ago while college-searching with my daughter? Our very own class advisor **Inez Nelbach '47**, as gracious, warm and high-spirited as ever. Dr. Nelbach heads the Drew Scholars Program at Drew University in Madison, NJ. She travels a great deal and is at the college only for the fall semester, spending winters/springs in Florida and returning north, as she puts it, "at just the right time to go to Maine." She has been associated with Drew since the early '70s and is high on its attributes. We talked about many of you and we are both looking forward to seeing "old" faces at "our" 25th Reunion. P.S. She looks terrific!

Last summer's news from **Dena Evans Hopfl**: She's still a nutritional consultant associated with the Shaklee Corp. She writes that husband **Charlie** practices real estate and tax law in NYC, and helps her with her business. Lara is a freshman at Brown and Karen is a junior at the Trinity School. She writes that she is looking forward to our next Reunion. Aren't we all?

If you think that news is old, read on. I'm finally reporting that since October 1983 **Carol Alexieff Hilton** has been minister of First Unitarian Church of Hobart, IN. Carol has a Master of Divinity degree from Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA.

**Lore Wilner Dickstein**'s son **Jeremy** is a freshman at Columbia College.

I regret to report that **Geraldine Carro Levy** died last May. At the time of her death she was an editor of *Town and Country Magazine* and had worked at both *The Ladies' Home Journal* and *Newsweek*. A memorial service was held at the College during which many of her Barnard friends were able to share with her family happy reminiscences of earlier days. Should classmates wish to do so, contributions in her name may be made to Barnard or to the Mt. Sinai Hospital Department of Neoplastic Diseases, Fifth Avenue and 100th Street, New York, NY 10029 to the attention of Dr. James Holland.



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Class of 1963  
Mini Reunion — NY Area  
Sunday, March 24, 1985 — Lunch

Some of us had brunch on a Sunday in November at the Stanhope, and had such a wonderful visit we decided it was high time to plan a "Mini Reunion." If you can be in town on Sun., March 24 for lunch, get in touch with Pola Rosen, 164 Paulding Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314/212-494-4083 or Loretta Azzarone, 57 West 58th Street, NY, NY 10019/212-688-7295 for details about where and how much. Please try to come — and get in touch with a classmate to come along with you. We'll have a wonderful time!

News gathered at brunch: **Pearl Sternschuss Vogel** resigned her college teaching position last year and is doing financial planning and mortgage origination work in Westchester County.

**Pola Auerbach Rosen** was on leave from the College of Staten Island for the fall semester, doing some writing and some investing. She has a son at Wagner College, one at the U of PA, and a fourth grader.

**Joan Breibart** has moved to a large apartment on Riverside and 81st Street which they are renovating. Her two boys ages 4 and 7 are in school in NYC. They travel frequently to Scandinavia since her husband sold his company to a large newspaper publisher there. She has been at Seligman & Latz for 10 years and was recently promoted to executive vice president.

**Vera Wagner Frances** has been working as a bilingual (Spanish-English) school psychologist in Connecticut for the past 7 years. Her oldest son is a freshman at Cornell and her younger son is a freshman at Mamaroneck HS.

**Sharon Flescher** is still in Washington, working at the National Endowment for the Humanities. She says the job is demanding, but she loves it. In addition, she wrote an article on Manet which will appear in the Summer issue of the *Art Journal*. "The result of all this is that I'm tired, but happy, and undecided about when and if I will return to New York."

**Caroline Fleisher Birenbaum** was in the process of changing jobs.

**Carol Mayer Solomon** is working at a family agency as a social worker and doing some traveling to California with her husband and children. Her son is a freshman at Harvard and her older stepson is a freshman at the U of PA. Her daughter is in eighth grade, and her younger stepson is in sixth.

**Susan Robbins Stern**'s son was applying to college — "something of a preoccupation for us all." Last year found her back (after a 20-year hiatus) at Barnard — she audited a course in the music department, enjoyed it immensely and hopes to return, at some point, for more.

**Margery Redisch Dorne** is still teaching nursery school in Westchester and enjoying it thoroughly. Her three children, in 10th, 7th, and 2nd grades, keep them busy with their various activities. Husband Dick is a vice president (in charge of writers) at the Newspaper Advertising Bureau and happy with his work. She says after 22 years of marriage, things look good.

**Sheila Gordon** is still living in Manhattan with her husband and two girls, ages 7 and 9. She "recently had a lovely job change without learning a

## TRANSITIONS

To Alumnae of the 1960s:  
When you left College,  
did you think you'd be  
where you are today?

Come back to Barnard for an evening of food,  
conversation, and panel discussion.

Wednesday, March 13, 1985

Invitations will be mailed to all those in the classes of the 1960s. Other interested alumnae are welcome — call the Office of Alumnae Affairs for more information.

new subway route" and is building a development office at La Guardia Community College, where she has worked for 14 years.

**Loretta Tremblay Azzarone** is Science Chairman at her intermediate school in NYC this year, and enjoys the change in routine. Her girls are happy and busy in school — Francesca in 10th grade and Gabriella in 7th. Matteo keeps them happy and healthy, thanks to his interest in healthful eating and living.

Other news gathered from various sources:

**Bob and Rachel Blau DuPlessis** are delighted to announce Koré Simone DuPlessis, born February 4, 1984, 7 lbs 3 oz, 19½ inches, Philadelphia, PA; arrived February 7, 1984, Swarthmore, PA; adopted October 31, 1984, 22 lbs 28 inches.

Rachel is also happy to announce the publication of *Gypsy/Moth*, a chapbook of poems from the Coincidence Press, Oakland, in 1984, and the 1985 appearance of *Writing Beyond the Ending: Narrative Strategies of 20th-Century Women Writers* from Indiana University Press.

Among the members of the Barnard class of '88 is **Miriam Stern Gafni**'s daughter Rachel. Rachel and six others were the first female graduates of Philadelphia's Central High School, where an all-male admissions policy had prevailed for 148 years. Rachel was also awarded the school's Mary Jane Skelton Endowment award.

**Susan Gitelson** stepped down from the presidency of the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs Alumni Association, a position she held since 1981. Last May she received the Conspicuous Alumni Service Award from the Alumni Federation in recognition of her service.

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As one of the class correspondents for the next five years, I am hoping that we can use this column not only to publish each other's achievements but also to share insights and perceptions developed in the years since we left Barnard. As became clearer to me at Reunion, the class of 1964 represents a unique network of articulate, intelligent women who took Mrs. McIntosh seriously when she warned us never to let our minds go idle, even when vacuuming. We have all had interesting life experiences, which others can learn from, reflect on, or relate to. Please share some of them with your fellow alumnae!

In the same vein, **Gail Stuchlik Wintersteiner** writes, "This is the first time I have written to the *Barnard Alumnae* magazine in 20 years! I guess I felt a little guilty about all those times when I have thought about writing and just didn't get around to it. I do enjoy reading about our classmates, so I am hoping that maybe others will get the urge to write, too.

"I have had a busy 20 years. After Barnard (I was a physics major), I went to Northeastern University in Boston to get an MS in physics, but by the time I finished, I realized that I was not cut out to be a physicist. (Also, by that time, I was married to one.) So, I went back to graduate school (those were the days of hefty grants, fellowships, etc.) and got a PhD in philosophy of science from Boston University, where my husband Peter was finishing his PhD in physics. Although I loved philosophy, I was not very employable in the Boston area, and for five years, I taught part-time at almost every school in the area and looked for a full-time job — to no avail. Finally, I gave up and went back to graduate school, this time in counseling psychology. So, now I have a second doctorate, and a second career as a licensed psychologist. I have a private practice in my home, and do individual, group, and family psychotherapy, and supervision.

"The biggest change in my life came last summer when we adopted our son, John, from Colombia. John is now almost two, and a real joy — so much so that we are awaiting assignment of another child from Colombia, a sister for John! Life is very busy, hectic almost all the time, but rewarding! I still find a little time to read, and, in the summer, to do a lot of gardening. Our old house is full of potential, and many projects keep us busy when there is a bit of 'free' time.

"Bye. Sorry I couldn't make the Reunion."

Brief notes: **Lea Hayes Fischbach** represented Barnard College at the inauguration of the president of Georgetown College (Kentucky) in October.

A notice in the *Times* announced the wedding of **Wendy Lipkind** to Hillel Black. Wendy is a literary agent, and has an MA from Teachers College in special education.

Let's hear from you.

—JLM

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This is my last column. It has been great keeping in touch with you during the past five years. I hope that our forties are happy, healthy, and prosperous for all of us. And now the news.

**Susan Armeny** received a PhD in history from U of Missouri-Columbia in December 1983. She works part-time on an interdisciplinary social history project, and watches with awe (and exasperation) the development of her son, Daniel Langley, born July 1981. Incidentally, Susan married Paul Langley in 1980.

**Karen L. Rothstein Brody** married Abraham N. Brody in March 1984. They remained in Brookline, MA, where they were both living. In July 1983, Karen left her job as export manager. During the



summer of 1983 she spent a good amount of time in New York attending seminars on Judaism. In October 1983, she left for Israel to enroll in Neve Yerushalayim and studied for three months at the women's seminary.

Karen's plans were up in the air when she returned to the USA in December 1983. By mid-January she had a wedding to plan, and it was fun planning her own wedding. She's been job hunting for the past few months. She's looking for a job that will utilize her fluency in French. Good luck in your job and your marriage, Karen.

**Eileen Parsons**, our own mezzo-soprano, appeared as Marcellina in Novato Lyric Opera's production of *The Marriage of Figaro* in April 1984. And to think we knew her when.

**Marina Angel** was appointed Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and External Programs at Temple University Law School in August 1983. She had been teaching at Temple since 1977, and previously taught at Hofstra from 1971-77.

That's it. See you at Reunion. Do you believe it's been 20 (that's XX) years?

—LP

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If you happened to read this column in the Summer '84 issue, you may remember that I included a small discussion about marital separation in general—and mine in particular. I expect to be single again when you read this. I feel I am one of the lucky ones: while painful, the process has been amicable, and I honestly believe that Barnard is due part of the credit for the fact that I am able to enjoy my independence.

I was delighted to receive a thoughtful response from **Jane Rotman Altman** of Princeton, NJ. Jane was glad to see the column used for topics other than "the listing of 'accomplishments.' Barnard was, to some degree, responsible for many of our accomplishments." But, she continued, "it would be refreshing to see the *Alumnae Magazine* also utilized as a forum for the expression of ideas, insights, fears and failures. There can be comfort in knowing that others share your feelings.

"Although my life experience has been different from your own, I am familiar with the feelings you described. As a lawyer specializing in matrimonial law I have often witnessed (and, I hope, in some degree helped) clients learn to cope with the trauma of a failed marriage. The emotional and financial problems connected to separation and divorce are frequently devastating to men as well as women. I am firmly convinced, however, that the emotional costs of remaining in a bad marriage are ultimately far more devastating.

"We have witnessed enormous societal changes since our graduation from college. Separation and divorce are now commonplace. Women simply cannot afford to retire into what you have called 'the protective cocoon of marriage' with no marketable skills. I am a person who went directly into that cocoon while still a student at Barnard. I genuinely believed, without giving it any real thought, that I would marry, reproduce, and live happily ever after. I also believed that the first two steps were necessary to the third. Life of course turned out to be a bit more complex than that. I hadn't anticipated that my personal need for independence and self-esteem would require a sharp divergence from the original game plan. I was extremely fortunate to have the support of my husband Bob and my children Jennifer and John when I took my first frightening steps in that direction by enrolling in law school in 1974. I now have my own law practice in Princeton. Bob and the kids have stuck by me and help me perform my balancing act of lawyer/wife/mother. I have, as Erica Jong aptly put it, earned the right to be perpetually exhausted.

"The joys, disappointments, and intense emotions involved in raising children have been awesome. I gave virtually no thought to any of this

before taking the plunge. I doubt many of us did. I am heartened that the alternatives you mention exist. I would not choose them for myself today. Thus far I have been able to be independent, take risks, remain married, and feel happy more often than not, which, after all, is the point.

"But I am not complacent about any of this. No intelligent woman or man can afford to be complacent about marriage or any other serious relationship. I am also upset that I am about to turn forty and I anticipate having considerable difficulty adjusting to my children leaving the nest for college which will begin to occur in 1985. I thought becoming a lawyer would insulate me from those traumas or at least allow me to accept their inevitability graciously. I was wrong."

If others of you will share your thoughts as you Face Up To Forty, your Class Notes—and classmates—will benefit from the shared insights. Best wishes for '85.

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We heard indirectly from **Patricia Greechie Alonso**, who lives in Victoria, Australia. **Marion Patterson Ames '37** telephoned her while on a visit to Australia and reported that she is a teacher and very active in community affairs. She was interested to read about the new curriculum (*Barnard Alumnae*, Spring '83, Summer '84) and had many questions about the changes, the freshman class, etc.

Sorry this column is so short, but I had little news, and had to be in St. Louis at deadline time for back surgery.

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Good news from my co-correspondent **Abby Sommer Kurnit**. Samuel Franklin arrived on Sept. 2, and weighed in at 8 lb. 12 oz. Big sister Miriam is now in first grade, and Abby is planning to return to work before long. Congratulations!

I have my own good news. I passed my comprehensives this past July so am now officially a candidate for the PhD. I presented a poster on my research in tumor cell differentiation at the Cell Biology meetings in Kansas City in November. I really feel I am making progress and am eyeing a May 1986 completion date. It would be nice to be finished before I'm 40!!

**Karen Cole** has been gathering honors and would like to share her pride with her classmates. She was invited by Princeton U to give the Joseph Henry Public Lecture in October. Her subject was how ideas from physics can be applied to everyday affairs. Her book, *Sympathetic Vibrations: Reflections of Physics as a Way of Life* (Wm. Morrow & Company), has been chosen as a Science Book of the Month Club dual selection. Karen also received a special award for science writing from the Exploratorium in San Francisco. (This award last went to Lewis Thomas.) Her husband, Peter Janssen (editor of *Motor Boating and Sailing* magazine for the Hearst Corp.), and children Peter 8 and Elizabeth 2 were present for this exciting event. Karen reflects that all this is quite a change from her Barnard major: government. Until the last century, however, science, physical and social, was considered a single discipline entitled "Natural Philosophy." Karen continues to write essays for *Time-Life's Discover* as she has been doing for the past two years.

I enjoyed a brief phone chat with **Arlene Mitchell Higgs** last August while we were traveling through western Canada. Arlene lives in Vancouver with her husband and daughter. She is currently on leave from a job with the provincial department of occu-

pational safety and is exploring future career options.

On a sad note, our classmate **Geri Ashur's** career in filmmaking was tragically cut short by her untimely death. However, her works remain as her legacy. A screening of her films was held in October at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and they were broadcast by WNYC-TV 31 on December 16th. In addition, a living memorial is being established to recognize and encourage new talent in filmmaking. The Geri Ashur Screenwriting Award will be an annual cash award for the best dramatic feature screenplay submitted by a writer who has not yet been paid for screenwriting. Donations may be made to the Geri Ashur Screenwriting Award, Ten Beach Street, New York, NY 10013.

I hope the holiday season was happy for all of you. Please keep the news flowing!

—BPZ

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Sharing the duties of class correspondent has already caused a noticeable increase in my mail delivery in the past few months, and I hope your letters will continue to appear on my doorstep this spring.

**Liza Dreifuss Holmes**, married to Rupert Holmes, is a third year law student at Rutgers-Newark. With their daughter Wendy 8, the Holmeses live in Tenafly, NJ. Rupert, a singer-songwriter and composer, wrote the score for the film "No Small Affair."

**Paulette Paretzky Mandelbaum** is a policy analyst and lecturer in energy and environmental politics at the University of Rochester (NY). Paulette lives in Rochester with her husband Richard, a math professor, and their four children: Yaakov Moshe 10, Yael Tova 8, Yitshak Hayyim 5, and Yaffa Rahel 2.

**Betty Wolder Levin** is one of 48 winners of the Charlotte Newcombe dissertation fellowships awarded by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. A doctoral candidate at Columbia, Betty is researching ethical issues in the medical treatment of catastrophically ill newborns.

*Esquire* magazine included **Laurie Anderson** in its 1984 Register of "The Best of the New Generation—Men and Women Under Forty Who Are Changing America."

**Cheryl Goodman Pober** received her MBA in July from Western New England College and is an administrative assistant in the Vermont College Graduate Program office in Amherst, MA. **Karen Vexler Hartman**, an independent management consultant, is completing her PhD in business at NYU, concentrating in management and organizational behavior.

**Peggy Tsukahira** wrote that she was *not* married in 1969, as this column once erroneously reported, but that she did marry Charles A. Norris in 1980. Peggy has lived in NYC since graduation and worked there as a book editor. Her daughter, Emi Rosalie Norris, was born last September. Peggy asks about the whereabouts of **Pamela Forman Obenzinger**, from whom she'd like to hear.

Lastly, news of two marriages: the first, **Linda Krakower Greene** to Christian Olsen Basler, in October. Chris, a Princeton and Columbia Law grad, produces a cable TV series on personal computers. Linda still enjoys her job as Assistant Principal of Manhattan JHS 164. The second, my marriage last May to Thomas Viti, a librarian in Westwood, a Boston suburb. Tom and I expect our first child in late March!

Most of us know what our famous Barnard classmates are doing; we read about them in *Time*, *The New York Times*, and *The Rolling Stone*. But what of the rest of you? Write and help us enrich this space with news of your lives!

—LS



Wendy Slatkin sent in a friendly letter updating us on her recent activities. "In July 1983, I left my position at Rutgers University, Camden College of Arts and Sciences to begin a new position at the University of California-Riverside. My husband, Fred R. Cohen, whom I met after my arrival in California, is the program director for a 100 patient hospital for developmentally disabled adults in Bloomington, CA. This facility is owned by Care Enterprises, the fourth largest health care corporation in the state." Wendy and her husband live in Upland, CA.

Judy Polan is happy to announce the release of her first album, which is entitled "Judy, Judy, Judy." Released on her own label, this spirited blend of original, folk, and movie music is starting to get a lot of airplay in Boston and upstate NY. Fellow alumnae who may wish to order it can send a check for \$9.50 directly to her at Ruby Slippers Records, 6 Franklin Court, Northampton, MA 01060.

Linda Mason Perlin has filled me in on some recent developments in her life. Alexander Jay, born in Feb. '83, joins his sister, Julie Rebecca, now nearly four. Of the mothering experience Linda says, "Being a mother is first of all challenging and fulfilling, and very stimulating. Because the children are always changing, I, by the nature of the beast, have to change too. I also find their development fascinating. It is also a very difficult job (to do well)." She has managed to combine this part of her life with her social work professional career on a part-time basis, running family life education programs (primarily for parents of young children) and leading personal growth workshops in the Trenton and Princeton areas on such topics as "Between Generations," "Women in their 30's," and "Mother-Daughter Relationships." Her article on "Parent-Child Conflicts About Music" was published in the June issue of *Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality*. Husband Michael (Columbia Law '69) has left the New Jersey Dept. of the Public Advocate, where he worked for thirteen years, to become an associate professor at New York Law School. They plan to stay in Trenton for at least the next several years.

Joan Simon Rongen is quite busy in her new position as senior economic coordinator and financial analyst in the Exploration and Production Division of the Norwegian energy concern Statoil, where she is responsible for following up on five foreign-operated licenses. She has been traveling on the job quite a bit lately and finds it exciting, responsible, and exhilarating. Besides trips to off-shore drilling platforms, visits to such locales as London and Aberdeen have allowed her the opportunity to squeeze in gallery, museum and castle visiting that she has relished.

It is hard to believe, but it is nearly time for Reunion—our 15th! Offers of assistance in both planning and execution will be gratefully received.

Hello again! Just a few updates this time. Annette Adams, one of our traveling alumnae, has moved from Lima, Peru to Panama City. She is still the Regional Legal Advisor for the US Agency for International Development and the US Embassy. While in Lima, she met Illa Rocconi de Quintanillo '61 and had a wonderful time. If you know of other alumnae in the area, please let Annette know—she would like to meet them.

Barbara Ballinger Buchholz and husband Edward have been living in St. Louis for 3½ years. They have two children—Joanna Emily 2½ and

Lucy Rebecca 8 weeks. Edward is a tax partner at Bryan, Cave, McPheeters and McRoberts and Barbara is a business and features reporter at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Lily Soohoo Louie and husband Arthur have been doing the Syracuse-Boston-New York commute. Arthur is receiving treatment for vocal chord cancer and Lily is juggling motherhood, law and travel. She urges all of us to reflect on life's unexpected situations and to prepare for the future. Rather sobering thoughts but very necessary sometimes. If you would like to get in touch with any of our classmates, you can write to them c/o the Alumnae Office, or get the addresses from your correspondents.

Finally, at Alumnae Council in November I met Elizabeth Westcott, a lawyer in NYC who is nominee for chairman of the AABC Club Committee and former head of the Barnard College Club of New York. The Club, which is now located at 3 West 51st Street, holds activities such as social gatherings, teas, lectures and special events.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and best wishes for a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year!

—JHS

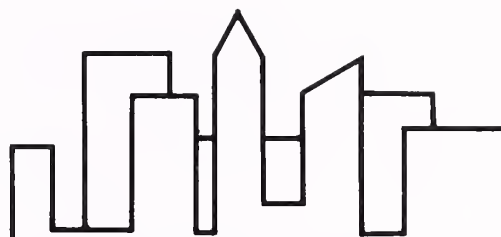
Getting news from classmates is a welcome relief from the mounds of junk mail, bills, and even professional correspondence I receive.

Ann Novak writes that she "is suffering from schizophrenia and (mostly) loving it." Ann has spent this past year fixing up the "handiwoman's special" house she bought at the old Westhampton (Long Island) air base complex, driving 140 miles a day to attend the new City University of New York Law School at Queens College (which she says is the most exciting, enjoyable school she has ever attended, and she's in her second of three years), working part-time as a *Newsday* reporter covering "the fashionable and the mundane in the Hamptons and other eastern Long Island locales," and trying to find time to sleep, eat, and lift weights at the gym where she says she "bench presses 70 pounds." She writes: "Don't ask me why I'm in law school, because, yes, I intend to remain a journalist."

Jody Bourgeois wrote from her Seoul, Korea hotel room while attending a conference co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation and Korean Science Foundation. (That distance should inspire some of you more local classmates to write.) Jody's a geologist. The conference she was attending was intended to encourage joint research in marine geology, sedimentology, and oceanography by Americans and Koreans. When not conferencing (Seoul was one of several meetings she chronicled in her letter), Jody's teaching at University of Washington.

Linda Ratet Kraemer wrote from California to report the birth of her daughter Sarah Elizabeth in July. Linda is on leave as Manager of Information Services at McKinsey & Co. in San Francisco and plans to return to work in January. Her husband Rick is Assistant Professor of Medicine in Endocrinology at Stanford University Medical Center.

I received a copy of an article from the *Detroit Jewish Press* about Sharon Albus Blass. Sharon, now called by the Hebrew "Shifra," is the spokeswoman for the Yesha Council, a group incorporating more than 80 Jewish settlements in predominantly Arab territories. Shifra, who lives in Ophra, often openly disputes the positions of some of the more anti-Arab members of the settlements. She's quoted as wondering "how a group such as ours... could have been so wrong in enabling proponents of such deviations to reach top leadership positions?" Shifra has been featured in other articles and on the national news about her positions.



## NY Metro Area Bulletin Board

• **THE BARNARD COLLEGE CLUB OF NEW YORK** is pleased to announce that it has moved to new quarters at 3 West 51st Street, just off Fifth Avenue in the heart of Rockefeller Center (the Women's National Republican Club).

The new location is ideally suited for women wishing to entertain business acquaintances at lunch or meet friends at the end of the day. Food and drink are served in attractive, comfortable surroundings, and all charges are signed for, not paid in cash.

Barnard Club members share the use of a private bar, lounge and library on the second floor mezzanine with the Columbia Club of New York. In addition, private rooms can be engaged for meetings and parties, and overnight accommodations are available at modest rates. Members also have signing privileges at several clubs in New York and other cities, and may use a number of athletic facilities in the New York area and in Washington, D.C.

Annual dues for all Barnard members are only \$110. Payment can be sent to The Barnard College Club of New York, Inc., 5th floor, 3 West 51st St., NY 10019.

• **ALUMNAE PROGRAM IN THE ARTS** announces its spring lectures: On Tuesday, March 5, Professor Maristella Lorch, Chairwoman of the Italian Department and of the Committee on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, will speak on "Folly and Insanity in Renaissance Literature."

The lecturer on Thursday, April 11, will be Professor of French Renee Geen.

All lectures begin at 2:00 p.m.

For further information, call the Office of Alumnae Affairs, 280-2005.

• **ROOMS TO LET???**

Barnard's Office of Commuter Affairs is expanding its off-campus housing registry, Space, Ltd. The goal of this service is to locate apartments and rooms for students, within easy distance of the College, and also for alumnae who seek its help in finding living space in Manhattan. If you know of available housing options in either category, the Commuter Affairs staff would like to hear from you. Please call weekdays between 9 and 5—280-3040.

Thanks for your help!



We also heard from **Maria Enrico**, who's been the assistant to the Consul General of the Republic of San Marino since 1982. Based in Washington, DC, Maria works for the oldest and smallest democracy in the world — located in central Italy. Her son Robin is going to pre-school and her daughter Jenny Lee was born in October. Maria also teaches Italian at American University, while her artist husband David Selvin is an independent radio documentary producer.

A notice in the *NY Times* told of **Stephanie Bar-ron's** marriage to Robert Rifkind on November 4. An "In the News" feature about Stephanie appeared in the Summer 1984 issue of this magazine. Her husband is an attorney.

**Martha Kramer** participated in a retailing career panel sponsored by the Career Services Office on September 13. Martha is executive vice president of Larvin.

As you all know, Marcia and I are always grateful for news, and will print just about anything you ask us to. However, we have decided not to print the names of children before they are born. Call us superstitious, but we think in the long run, you'll be happier to see your baby's birth announced after the delivery. Obviously, because of the advances of amniocentesis, this is a dilemma our foremother class correspondents did not have to face.

Keep in touch.

—RBS

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The news this issue primarily involves babies. **Susan De Bartolo** wrote to announce that she and Jim became the proud parents of Paula Claire in April 1984. Jeremy Michael, the son of **Marcy Glanz** and her husband Marion Stewart, was born in March 1984. Marcy is also busy helping her husband market the *Stewart Energy Outlook*, an energy newsletter, to the oil and gas trade. **Gale Krakover Friedland** wrote to announce the birth of her daughter, Lisa Beth, in April 1983. Her husband Stanley is a clinical psychologist.

The only other news which I have received since the last issue of this magazine was an announcement from **Judith Harris** that she has relocated her legal practice to Berkeley, CA.

I will again turn to a summary of the Reunion questionnaires, with an apology for any items which

are now out-of-date.

**Martha Patterson** is a nurse and lives in NYC. **Katharine Plourde**, our class president, received an MBA and is working on Wall St. as a securities analyst. **Karen Pulliam** graduated from Indiana U School of Law and is associated with a law firm in Gary, IN. She is also a member of the Gary Commission on the Status of Women.

**Jessica Raimi**, who completed her degree through the Empire State College of SUNY, has written, produced and directed a 30-part radio serial which was broadcast on WBAI.

**Deborah Reich** is living in Israel, where she was program coordinator for Interns for Peace, a program for Jewish-Arab cooperation. As of November, she was a pre-candidate for membership in Kibbutz Barkai. **Sheila Reines** has just returned from several years in Cairo.

**Cynthia Reinhart Richards** received a law degree from U-VA and works for a Wall St. law firm. She and her husband Doug have a son, Christopher. **Ellen Ripstein** works as a statistical consultant and is an associate of the Society of Actuaries. She has an MS from the Harvard School of Public Health. **Susan Rodelis** is the head of equity private placements in corporate finance for Prudential-Bache Securities.

**Janna Roop** graduated from the Cornell U-NY Hospital School of Nursing. Her husband Allen Timm is a Presbyterian pastor. **Janet Rose** received both an MA and PhD from the U of So. Carolina and is the director of the Office of Evaluation and Research for a school district in Charleston, SC. She has published several articles in education journals.

**Robin Rosenthal** graduated from the Harvard Business School and has been working for The New York Times Regional Newspaper Group. In March 1983, she was named General Manager of the *Gainesville (FL) Sun*. **Amy Ignatin Sanders** and her husband Alain both graduated from Columbia Law School. Alain is working as a journalist and Amy works for a law firm in NYC.

**Andrea Schaffner Herter** received an MD from Columbia and is an asst. professor of medicine at Yale. Her husband Geoffrey is also a physician. They have two children, Rebecca and William. **David Scharf** earned an MLS from Columbia. David and her husband Nikos Robakis, a molecular biologist, have two daughters, Thalia and Daphne.

**Carol Robbins Schwarz** received an MBA from Columbia. Her husband Steven is a pediatric gastroenterologist. They have a daughter, Emily, and twin sons, Daniel and Gregory. **Mindell Seidlin** works for the National Institutes of Health as a research virologist. She graduated from Harvard Medical School and has published several scientific articles.

**Rena Sepowitz** graduated from Columbia Law School and is working for a law firm in NYC. Her husband Steven Keller is a surgeon. **Renee Getzler Septimus** received an MA from NYU in rehabilitation counseling. Her husband, E. Joseph, is a CPA. They have three children, Karen, Daniel, and Dana. **Jean Sharpe** has a JD from NYU and is president and general counsel of a private int'l investment firm. Her husband, A. John Fowle, is also an attorney and they have two children, Amelia and Anastasia.

# 74

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The best reward of this office is opening my mailbox to find letters from classmates last heard from long ago. During the autumn months **Sharon Barzilay** wrote from Oakland, California, where she lives with husband Tom Graff, announcing the birth of their second child, Rebecca, in June; she joins her brother, Benjamin, age 2½.

**Marjorie Freeman Harrison** sent a fascinating account of her doings in Baldwin, Long Island, where she grew up and now lives with husband, Fred, a teacher. Professionally, Marjorie was originally teaching history, and is now school librarian. At the

same time, her political activism has taken her from grass roots anti-nuclear-power work to two elections as vice chair of the NYS Democratic Committee and, among other energy related work, an appointment by Governor Cuomo to serve on his Fact Finding Panel of the Shoreham nuclear plant. "When I studied the history of utility regulation as a senior, I had no idea that years later I would be organizing around those very issues." Marjorie has also found time to pursue graduate work in economics at the New School and Cornell. Whew! An energetic and accomplished ten years!

Congratulations to **Celia Blumenthal** on her November marriage to Herb Berger. Celia is a psychiatrist practicing in NYC.

From the political corner, let me report our new officers who will serve through 1989 Reunion: **Harriet Lazer**, president; **Linda Spiegel**, vice president; **Linnea Burnette**, fundraising chairperson; **Catherine Carballeira McGee**, treasurer. Correspondents you already know, but add **Cheryl Fishbein** to the list of rotators. A special thank you to **Carole Basri** who found time while working as a lawyer and being mother to active twin boys to make our ten year Reunion so gracious and warm.

A questionnaire will be going out in early '85 on activities to involve alumnae and we invite you all to respond. In the meantime, keep the mail coming and best wishes for 1985.

# 75

**Ellen Krasik**  
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I hope everyone had a happy and prosperous 1984. Here's some news I've received to share with you. **Jo Baird** wrote to tell me that she has been the managing editor of the Feminist Press and was married in 1983 to Joseph Hutchison. They are now parents of a daughter, Shailah Hutchison Baird. **Theresa Smith** was married in March to Christopher F. Graham. Theresa is a vice president of Thomson McKinnon Securities and her husband is an attorney with Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

**Daphne Merkin** is living in New York and working on a novel for Harcourt Brace & Jovanovich. A chapter was published in April's *New Yorker*. Previously, Daphne was an editor with *McCall's*. **Carolyn Carson** wrote a lengthy letter about her many activities in recent years. She has recently been made partner in the firm Saunders, Strickland Associates, an architectural firm in New York.

**Diana Karter Appelbaum's** book *Thanksgiving: An American Holiday, An American History* was published in the fall. She and her husband recently moved to Boston. **Stella Tsai** wrote that she is living in Houston, Texas, practicing neurology after an electrophysiology fellowship at Vanderbilt, neurology residency at NYU, and Medical School at Baylor. Stella also reports that **Suzanne Bailie Schmitt**, a graduate of Stanford Law School, received a tax degree from NYU and is an associate with Baer, Marks Upham in New York.

**Daria Friel** is doing pediatric dentistry at University of Connecticut and has a dental practice in Bristol. **Fran Dobranski Reynolds** is working on her divinity degree.

**Robin Bierstedt** was married to Peter Mayer in May 1984. Robin is a Columbia Law School graduate and is an attorney with Time, Inc. Her husband is a physical anthropologist with Merck, Sharp & Dohme. **Ellen Rosenthal** was also married in May. Ellen, an independent museum consultant, has a master's from Carnegie-Mellon University and also one from the H.F. duPont Winterthur Program. Her husband, Theodore Logan, is an internist in Pittsburgh.

**Suzanne Perrin** wrote that she is a Human Resource consultant for First Pennsylvania Bank in Philadelphia. **Valerie De Berry**, also in Philadelphia, is an international systems consultant with Cigna.

We received word from Hebrew Union College in New York that **Carol Glass** was ordained a rabbi in May — congratulations. **Eva Gomolinski** wrote that she completed her pediatric residency at North



Shore University Hospital on Long Island and is doing a fellowship at Babies Hospital of Columbia Presbyterian in pediatric hemo-oncology.

**Cathleen Schine** has written a funny novel called *Alice in Bed* which is available in a Berkley paperback.

**Vivien Li**, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of Health in Massachusetts, recently married attorney Robert Holland. They live in Boston. Vivien was elected regional vice president of the Sierra Club last year. She is finishing her term as class fundraising chair and is actively looking for an interested successor.

Finally, and very importantly, please be sure to save the dates of May 17 and 18 for our tenth Reunion. You'll be contacted for suggestions for class officers, too. I look forward to seeing many in New York in May—it's a great time of year to be at Barnard so come and catch up with friends.

**76** **Lisa Lerman**  
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Three months seems shorter than it did a few years ago when I started writing this column. It could be aging. When you are 29 and  $\frac{3}{4}$ , anything could be aging. It could be busyness. (West Virginia has had disappointingly little impact on my frenetic lifestyle.) Or it could be just winter doldrums setting in on a cold night in a small wooden house on a hill in a town somewhere near Uniontown, PA. (Or Pittsburgh, for those of you who need a larger landmark.) Or maybe someone speeded up the calendar. In any case, the deadline is upon me. So here's the latest.

The big news is that our long-silent writer classmate has emerged, on the occasion of publishing her first novel, *Slow Dancing*, with Alfred A. Knopf. **Elizabeth Benedict**, whom many of you will remember as *Neiditz*, lives in Washington when she is not off in California or Florida or someplace else working on an article or on a second novel. Since Barnard she has spent most of her time writing. She was awarded a National Magazine award for fiction in 1984. Her first published short story appeared in the 1983 O. Henry prize short story collection. She has also published in *Esquire*, *Cosmopolitan*, *McCall's* and *Seventeen*. Some parts of her novel take place on the Upper West Side in New York, and may be rather familiar to many of us. The novel will be out in March. I have not seen it since early drafts—I can't wait to read the final edition.

**Santa Velez-Conley** writes, "After leaving Barnard, I completed a master's degree in the School of Psychology at Brooklyn College. That summer I moved to Austin, Texas to start the doctoral program in educational psychology at the University of Texas." By now she may have completed her degree there. Santa is married to Terry Conley, who is a professor of biology and chemistry at Oklahoma City Community College.

Not long ago I heard from **Rosalyn Richter**, whom I have seen periodically over the years at various women lawyers' meetings. As she wrote me she was sitting in a courtroom waiting for the calendar to be called. Rosalyn is now working in the Appeals Bureau of the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office. (Liz Holtzman is her boss.) She has been there since early 1983, and has spent most of her time writing briefs and doing oral arguments. She reports, "It is somewhat of a change from doing civil rights and public interest law. . . This particular office is a very comfortable place and I'm learning a lot."

Sometimes news comes in strange packages. I received a press release from the Admissions Office at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, announcing that **Randy Schutzman** began law school there this fall. Northeastern is unique in that its law students (after one year) apprentice themselves to lawyers every other quarter and receive classroom credit for the work they do.

Most recently, I heard from **Jessica Dee Rohm** (nee *Zive*), whose letterhead reads "Jessica Dee

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Communications, Inc." and indicates that the company has offices in New York and Palm Beach. After I realized that this elegant letterhead referred to a classmate, I read on. She wrote, "Eight years ago I started a public relations agency. It has grown enormously. . . I employ only women and the New York office has 27, including three Barnard graduates (the Palm Beach office has 3). The agency has been ranked 47th in the country out of 5,000 public relations firms and we handle clients ranging from American Express, Porsche, Chloe, Division of Citibank, and Palm Beach County to Steve Rubell and real estate developers all over the country."

"On a personal note, I married last month a man named Eberhard Rohm. Clearly he is German and owns his own international law firm with offices in the General Motors Building and in Duesseldorf."

I often marvel at the extent to which we have all become functioning adults. But people like Jessica make the rest of us look rather ordinary.

That's all for this time. I know there are some others of you out there who have been meaning to write in. Many of you who have written have mentioned to me that the best time to do it is right when you get the magazine, before it slips your mind again. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Good things come in small packages. And just to prove it, as a special treat for you, I've decided to write a short, snappy column. I wouldn't try to fool you and do that just to cover up for being behind schedule with no time left to call people and solicit further information—oh no, perish the thought.

It's a bright future ahead for Fulbright-Harp award winner **Denise McColgan**. Thanks to the award, the Yale student will further her studies of art history in Austria.

Something new came down the pike in Connecticut for **Pamela Morton Barton** and her husband, John. It was Jeremy Taylor Barton, and birthday cards should be dated Sept. 5 from now on.

**Vivian Levmore** has not been in the sun, and yet she's Tannor—courtesy of David J. Tannor, that is. They were married this past September and then

spent a couple of weeks in Paris, hiking in Switzerland, and "getting some culture in Amsterdam." (Nothing a little quarantine can't cure.) She and David, a post-doc in chemistry, are living in Chicago. She mentions her goal for the year, and I hope it includes improving her handwriting because I can't decipher just what that goal is. But it has something to do with her dissertation. Now don't get upset, Vivian. . . I know you and David are teaching a martial arts class and I wouldn't want to offend you. If anyone out there would like Vivian's new address, drop me a line, and if you'd like the next alumnae column to be longer, include some information on what you've been up to.

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The election is over, I've finished my statistics exam, and I'm ready to do some really heavy-duty work and whip off this column before the Alumnae Office sends a collection agency after me. And if it's not done, I'll have no excuse except that I have been spending my few precious hours doing mindless Christmas shopping (and loving every minute of it). It's great therapy. The feeling of weightlessness when my feet don't touch the ground from being carried by the crowds is more relaxing than a sensory deprivation tank. Yelling for a salesgirl's help is better than primal scream therapy. Sitting next to a bagwoman on the subway reminds me that I'm not the crazy one.

I'm writing this column from all these letters I've been receiving. Some however are dated so if I've got you as a newlywed and you already have two kids and a dog, sorry about that. Just write some more and yell at me. I'll print that too. There's no stopping me. Anyhow, in a year it will all be funny and we'll laugh and toast about it at the CLASS REUNION!!!! But more on that later.

I've separated my letters into three groups: Doctors, Lawyers, and "Others." Alright, all you "Others," don't get offended. I am an "Other" too. In fact, I will write about the "Others" first. I believe it was a proud Mrs. Reich who wrote in to tell me that **Leora Reich Bejell** and her husband, Aharon, are living in Alon Shvut Gush Etzion, Israel and have



twin sons, Shmuel and Yedidia, born on June 30, 1984. On another marriage, the *New York Times* wrote on July 8, 1984, **Raquel Kligman**, a vice president at Lory Roston Associates, a public relations firm, was engaged (and as of this column probably married) to Andrew Schechtel, an investment banker at Shearson Lehman American Express.

**Sarah Romig** participated in a retailing career panel at Barnard (hah, hah we found out. . .) She is Vice President of Design for "Gazebo."

My old friend, **Margaret Soo Hoo Chin**, wrote in to correct me. She is no longer at Chubb & Son, but has just started as a Home Office/Senior Underwriter with Commerce and Industry, an American International Group Insurance Company. She has been happily married for the last four years, lives in Long Island, and has two Alaskan malamutes. Because I love those dogs, I will relate Margaret's little train incident. She ran into **Yvonne Brathwaite** '79. She didn't get a chance to exchange phone numbers but would really like to get in touch with her. Yvonne was with her mother. Margaret was headed for the LIRR at Atlantic Avenue. Yvonne, call Margaret (I will gladly give you the info). Gosh, the things I have to do for people who give me news. Margaret also reports that **Patty Yee** is with Morgan, working in their Foreign Exchange area and **Cindy Bow** works for Paine Webber. **Helen Chiu** is working at a dentist's office in New Jersey.

Doctor time. **Shira Burnstein** writes that she is now in her fourth year of medical school at New York Med. On June 10, 1984 she married Dr. Avram Abramowitz (Columbia), a New York Med graduate who's doing his residency at Roosevelt-St. Luke's Hospital in internal medicine. **Claudia Siegel** wrote that she graduated from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine (along with **Deardre Levy Nadel**) and will be starting a practice in her home. This August she married Albert Musella, also a graduate of NYCPM. **Debbie Goodman** wrote in to confirm that what I wrote about her in my last column was true. She did graduate from SUNY College of Optometry and also in the company of two classmates, **Anne Clayton** and **Lori Siegel**. Debbie reports that Anne married a dentist last fall and they're living and practicing in New York. Debbie is practicing in midtown Manhattan and they're both on staff at SUNY as clinical instructors.

Finally, **Christine Edwards** writes that after graduation, she spent a year working at Columbia P&S before going to Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She's in her fourth year and applying to obstetrical programs. On October 6, 1984 she married Dr. Robert Freeman, a psychiatrist at Einstein. **Lisa Leicach** was a member of the wedding party. As a final note she added, "Does anyone out there know where **Sharon Cromer** can be contacted? I'd like to get in touch with her. . ."

Okay, some cute lawyers stories and I'm calling it a night. **Valerie Crown Goldstein** married her high school sweetheart a month after graduation. She went to Cardozo School of Law, graduated in June '83, and sweated out her bar exam which she passed. She was admitted to the state bar on March 7, 1984 at 11:30 a.m. and four and a half hours later she went into labor and had David Gordon Goldstein, 6 lbs, 4 oz. Sounds like a modern day "I Love Lucy." Finally, **Randy Gottlieb** is at the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington DC. On September 2, 1984 she married Harold Goldberg, another attorney (and CPA) who also works for the SEC. Randy writes that "He's brilliant, adorable, and charming."

Paula wrote this part. "Plans for our fifth Reunion, which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, are now underway. Our class is sponsoring a dinner on Friday evening and a second event, yet to be determined, on Saturday. Your input is critical to this decision-making process. If you haven't yet completed the questionnaire that you no doubt received last month, do it now. . ."

And the close of another episode. Keep thinking about that ol' class reunion. We're going to need lots of help and creative ideas so let me know if you can spare some time or brain cells.

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**Niki Mangos**, a systems analyst for Mutual of New York (MONY), spoke at a panel on Careers in the Insurance Industry in the Sulzberger Parlor in November.

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You are not safe—my network of informants spans the US! **Amy Appelbaum**, my correspondent in NC, tells me that **Sharon Slomovic** married Edward Frank (SEAS '84) last summer and is in her second year at Columbia Law School. Amy also tells me that **Anda Ansons** is a certified broker for Merrill Lynch and that **Karen Shapiro** works for a DC cable TV station. Amy herself is at Duke Law School.

**Marian Alexander** and Daniel Ornstein were married last August in Philadelphia. **Lynn Chinitz** and David Abrams were also wed that month; Lynn is in her second year at Downstate Med School. **Johanna Youner** '82, who is applying to med school, is a cardiac transplant research technician at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.

**Liz Macomb** is studying oceanographic engineering at MIT—that's what my Syracuse contact, **Gretel Duckson**, tells me. Between keeping me informed and applying to grad schools, Gretel works upstate as housing coordinator for the Spanish Action League, while **Heidi Bachana** is a tenants' advocate for the Bronx Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

**Lisa Gomberg** tells me she is "learning the word processor and. . .love(s) (her) boyfriend Alan. . .!" She also told me of **Mary Forsell**'s rapid ascent to managing editor with an unidentified publishing house, of the European trips of friends **Alicia Rodriguez** and **Susan Leibowitz** (now working in arts administration), of **Elizabeth Rich**'s job as an art film distributor, and of the rave reviews that followed the publication of **Barbara Lewis**'s thesis on the history of the women's medical association. (How's that for a "run-on". . .?) **Janine Jones** is on a Mellon Fellowship this year for her studies in philosophy, while **Jodi Moise** studies arts management at NYU while assisting the marketing director at Knoedler Publishing.

Last summer **Vicki Coe** had an internship in retail new product development at Bank of America. While in SF, she hobnobbed with top bank execs, but now she's back at Columbia completing her MBA. She found time recently to participate in a Finance panel discussion at Barnard, as did **Rachel Landerer**, **Jeanne Sdroulas**, and **Erika Pades**. Career Services also featured **Melissa Glatt** and **Mary Ann Butkiewicz** on its Retailing career panel in September, and **Kathleen Morrisette**, deputy underwriter for Insurance of North America, on a panel on the insurance industry in November. According to Vicki (where would I be without my sources?), **Lynn Foden** received her BS from SEAS in May and has begun her two year Peace Corps assignment in Zaire. I met **Donatella Lorch** on the street; she's working on linguistic proficiency in Nepali for her degree from Columbia's Mideast Studies Dept. Apparently, if you have Urdu under your belt, Nepali's a cinch!

**Lynn Fuller** '82 spent last year working for an environmental organization in DC and the summer writing a novel while living on a pecan ranch on the Rio Grande. Lynn and her fiancé, William W. Bivins, Jr. (CC '83), live in Palo Alto now and she attends Stanford L.S. Also new to law school this year were **Carol Degener** at Harvard and **Corinne Nicolas**, in

Columbia's JD-MBA program. Corinne acts as surrogate class treasurer, assuming the fundraising duties of **Luisa Liriano**, who is studying in Spain.

Two mysteries: **Lisa Callahan** sent me no more info than that she's living in Coeur d'Alene, ID, and **Maura Shannon** tells me only that her job entitles her "to the luxury of a checking account." Friends, you must elaborate! Please write—and have a great spring.

**84** **Allison Hanna**  
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Greetings to the newest alumnae of BC! Most of the notes this time are from the grapevine, so please excuse any errors or omissions. **Alison Mesrop** is working in NYC as assistant chef for "Great Performances," a catering service founded by **Liz Neumark** '77. "Great Performances" has been lauded in such magazines as *People* and *Savvy*, as well as the *NY Times* and *Daily News*.

Congratulations are due for **Jane Bernstein** and her new husband Steven Nadler. They were married October 14. Jane is assistant to the director of guidance at the Birch Wathen School in Manhattan.

**Rimma Mitelman** co-authored a paper with Prof. Barry Jacobson which was read at the 188th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society. The paper, entitled "Ene Reactions of Conjugated Dienes. 2. Dependence of Rate on Diene Configuration," was also co-authored by two other recent graduates, **Carol Eliassen** '81 and **Georgia Arvinitis** '82. We are impressed.

From the Grapevine: In NYC. . . **Catherine Carter** has begun work at Kidder Peabody; **Judy Barry** is working at a law firm; **Anita Gallelli** is at the Federal Reserve Bank; **Alix Finkelstein** is an editorial assistant at *Parents* magazine; and **Mollie Katz** is employed as a financial systems specialist at Equitable Life.

Still in School: **Miriam Wahrman** is in her first year at Columbia Law in the joint JD-MBA program; **Beryl Forrest** is studying at Cornell Law; **Ana Newlin** is in the genetic counseling program at the U of Michigan; **Patricia McSharry** is specializing in Russian studies at Columbia's SIPA; representing Barnard at Northwestern's School of Journalism is **Sara Wohlsen**; out west at Stanford studying history is **Holly Prigerson**; and back at Barnard after a year in Yugoslavia is **Sansi Sussman**, who is looking forward to a January graduation.

Elsewhere: **Susan McCarthy** is rumored to be teaching music at a private school in VT; **Linda Hubbard** is, according to latest reports, looking for work in Palo Alto, CA, in the field of conservation/environmental science; and **Maria Desloge** is out on Long Island working for Arrow Distribution Corp. in the computer division.

**Joanna Apostolos**, corporate underwriter for Chubb, spoke about the insurance industry at a Career Services panel on that topic in November.

As for myself, I'm working in the Human Genetics Dep't at Columbia and considering career goals including medicine and graduate work in biology. Please let me know where you are and what you're doing; I'd like to keep an updated address list for your use. So do write, even if you don't want to appear in this column!

## THE TROUBLE WITH LISTS

The trouble with lists is the likelihood that they will be incomplete—and our list of Bornord sisters (Foll '84) fell into that trap. We missed **Deborah Wohl** '88, sister of **Melissa Wohl** '86.

Our apologies to the Wohls, and hopes that there are not still others whom we have overlooked.



# BEQUESTS

## *a parable*

On a summer day nearly thirty years ago, two Barnard trustees paid a visit to an alumna who lived in the country. The trustees felt as if their mouths were filled with cotton, and it was not just the effect of the afternoon heat. They were going to ask for money—something neither had ever done before. Even in the '50s women did not usually do that.

They were received in a spacious room, where the summer sun was hardly seen or felt. They enjoyed the cooling drinks they were offered, and finally put their question. And they were told "no." More accustomed than her visitors to dealing with money matters, the alumna explained that she could not make a significant gift during her lifetime. In her will, however, there would be a bequest to Barnard. She expected that there would be a sizeable estate; after some specific dollar legacies and estate costs, a percentage of the residual amount would be for Barnard.

The alumna continued a long and productive life, as befits Barnard alumnae, and died only a few years ago. Her bequest to Barnard proved to be many times greater than the gift for which she had been asked on that day in the 1950s. In fact, more than \$600,000 has been realized so far, and the estate is not yet entirely settled. Doubtless there will be continued enhancement of Barnard's endowment from this source in years to come.

The lesson to be drawn from this incident is that sometimes an alumna can provide more support for Barnard by including it in her will than she could afford to contribute during her life. More than 80% of all endowment funds of the nation's colleges and universities are the result of bequests, most of them very much less than that of our generous benefactor. And a growing endowment in a period of shrinking enrollments nationwide is the difference between stagnation and vibrancy.

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For information on how to include Barnard in your will, please contact *Harriet Inselbuch '62*, Chairman, BFAC, at Barnard College, New York, N.Y. 10027, or call (212) 280-2001.

# REUNION 1985

## BARNARD AND NEW YORK CITY: A DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIP

Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, 1985

All alumnae are invited to attend this two-day program of varied events designed to reacquaint former students with the College and each other.

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Keynote Speaker: Barbara Novak '50, Altschul Professor at Barnard  
Distinguished Scholar and Art Historian

Alumnae and their guests may reserve overnight accommodations in the dormitories for Reunion Weekend and thereafter. Maps and other information about events in New York City will be available.







